

Rydbek appeals to kidnappers

BEIRUT (R) — The head of the U.N. relief agency for Palestinian refugees appealed Friday for the release of a British journalist kidnapped near Beirut a month ago. Olof Rydbeck, commissioner-general of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Middle East (UNRWA) said missing journalist Alec Collett was "a friend of the Arabs" who had tried to get their story across world media. Collett, 63, was on assignment as a UNRWA information consultant in Lebanon when he was kidnapped just south of Beirut on March 25. The "Revolutionary Organisation of Socialist Muslims" claimed responsibility. In a letter to news media in Beirut, Mr. Rydbeck said Collett required special medical care and his family, friends and U.N. colleagues were concerned about his fate and health. He said Collett was in Lebanon to publicise the plight of Palestinian refugees. He was a well-known member of the U.N. press corps in New York "and any accusations against him are baseless," he added.

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Dumas confers with Gemayel

BEIRUT (AP) — French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas discussed Israel's withdrawal from South Lebanon with President Amin Gemayel and Prime Minister Rashid Karami Friday, administration sources reported. Mr. Dumas flew in earlier by helicopter from Cyprus to Mr. Gemayel's palace in the Beirut suburb of Baabda, said the sources, who spoke on condition they were not named. The French minister conferred privately with the president. They were later joined by Mr. Karami and Parliament Speaker Hussein Husseini. "I have come here... to express my government's solidarity and determination to help the Lebanese people and their government at this difficult time," Mr. Dumas told reporters after a two-hour meeting and a palace luncheon. He stressed what he called the "historical strong ties" between France and Lebanon.

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15 diplomats to be posted abroad

AMMAN (J.T.) — A total of 15 Jordanian diplomats attached to the Foreign Ministry are to be transferred to posts in embassies abroad, according to Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. Following are the postings: Tawfiq Al Shobaki to Muscat, Nabil Talhoumi to Dubai, Issa Dabbah to London, Mohammad Jamal Balgez to Moscow, Kamal Hasa to Washington, Navef Al Haidid to Damascus, Fuad Bataineh to New York, Ibrahim Dabbas to Bonn, Abdul Latif Bawab to Washington, Rifai Ulayyan to Islamabad, Ziyad Al Majali to Washington, Mohammad Nawafleh to Doha, Mohammad Shawabkeh and Mahmoud Al Shishani to Riyadh and Adnan Saddouk to Sanaa.

Egyptian culture minister leaves

AMMAN (Petra) — Egyptian Minister of Culture Mohammad Abdul Hamid Radwan left Amman for Cairo Friday after talks with Minister of Information, Culture, Tourism and Antiquities Mohammad Al Khatib. During the visit the two ministers agreed on a programme to implement a cultural agreement signed between the two countries on April 21.

Israeli bomb expert wounded

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli police explosives expert was injured Thursday when a bomb blew up as he was handling it, a police spokesman said Friday. The bomb had been planted by some cooking gas cylinders in an apartment building in the town of Kiryat Malachi, 25 kilometres northeast of the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip. Police detained 14 Arabs for questioning, the spokesman said.

4 Israeli policemen injured in attack

TEL AVIV (R) — Four Israeli border policemen were wounded Thursday night in a clash with resistance men in the south Lebanese port city of Tyre, a military spokesman said Friday. The paramilitary police troops were hit by light arms fire on an Israeli outpost in the city and were transferred to hospital in Israel. Tyre was not included in the Israeli pullout from central and eastern Lebanon this week, but military officials say it would be evacuated "in the near future."

Gandhi names panel on Sri Lanka

NEW DELHI (AP) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi named a six-man government panel Friday to study ways of resolving the ethnic conflict in the neighbouring island nation of Sri Lanka. The "special advisory group" will be headed by Home Minister Shankar Rao B. Chavan. The other members are Gopalaswamy Parthasarathy, Mr. Gandhi's chief foreign policy adviser and former special envoy to Sri Lanka, Khursheed Alam Khan, minister of state for external affairs, Cabinet Secretary P.K. Kaul, Foreign Secretary Ramesh Bhandari and Home Secretary R.D. Pradhan (Related story on page 8).

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Hussein, Qaboos and Mubarak inaugurate Aqaba-Nuweibe' link

King hails new sea-land route as historic, but says it is no alternative to occupied Palestine

By Sa'ad G. Hattar
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AQABA — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak flew home Thursday night after he, His Majesty King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'ud of Oman jointly inaugurated a new ferry boat link between the Egyptian Sinai port of Nuweibe' and Aqaba and a tripartite summit among the three leaders.

The three-honour summit, which began on board Sultan Qaboos's yacht and resumed at King Hussein Palace in Aqaba, was believed to have dealt with pressing Arab and international issues as well as inter-Arab cooperation.

Mr. Mubarak earlier told reporters the summit was not aimed

at formulating a new axis in the Arab World. Nevertheless, it was meant to enhance pan-Arab historic relations and to further bolster Arab solidarity, Mr. Mubarak said. He said there was no agenda for his talks with the King and Sultan Qaboos, but did not elaborate.

In a press statement he gave upon arrival at Cairo, Mr. Mubarak described the tripartite summit as "very fruitful." He said he welcomes any meeting with any Arab leader.

Asked about the nature of his talks with the King and Sultan Qaboos, Mr. Mubarak said they reviewed current Arab issues as well as exchanged views.

Mr. Mubarak described the new sea-land link between Aqaba and Nuweibe' as a very "important step in the history of Jordanian-

Egyptian relations."

"I sincerely hope this new line would, in general, enhance the march of Arab solidarity," he told reporters in Cairo.

In an inauguration speech at Aqaba's Yarmouk pier following celebration in Nuweibe', King Hussein said Thursday the "historic new link between Egypt and Jordan will by no means serve as a substitute for the original overland route across occupied Palestine."

"Our delight at the opening of the Aqaba-Nuweibe' route can only increase our determination to pursue the struggle, and serious and dedicated efforts towards liberating the occupied Arab lands," the King said.

Describing the new ferry link as a "Jordanian-Egyptian bridge

which will be a parallel artery of Palestinian communication in one Arab body." The King said that the new route, while ending a period of a lack of land connection between Arab Asia and Arab Africa, "heralds at the same time a new era in contemporary Arab history."

The King linked the inauguration day with the liberation of Sinai from Israeli occupation, and pointed out that "this national project would not have seen the light if it wasn't for the brave Egyptian army which crossed Suez Canal in the 1973 war."

He paid tribute to those who fell martyrs on that historic day and all

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The first ferryboat ride from Aqaba to Nuweibe, page 3



His Majesty King Hussein, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'ud of Oman (centre) applaud after they jointly inaugurated on Thursday a new ferry link between Aqaba and the Egyptian port of Nuweibe' (Photo by Yousef Al 'Atlan)

Lebanese, Palestinians overrun Falangist bases

SIDON, Lebanon (Agencies) — Lebanese militiamen, supported by Palestinian fighters, took over villages and positions abandoned by Falangist forces Friday, tightening their ring around the largest mostly Christian zone in South Lebanon after a month of bloody factional fighting.

Radio stations reported tens of thousands of Christians fleeing towards Jezzine, their main stronghold 24 kilometres east of Sidon.

The commander of the Israeli-backed "South Lebanon Army" (SLA) militia, former Lebanese army Brig. Antoine Lahd, threatened to shell Sidon with long-range artillery from positions near Jezzine unless the fighters halt their offensive.

Falangist forces bombarded Sidon for a month until declaring a unilateral ceasefire Tuesday. At least 113 people were killed and more than 450 wounded in that fighting.

The SLA, which is mainly Christian, has some 200 fighters in Jezzine. The militia, with an overall strength estimated at less than 1,000, is based in Marjayoun, south of Jezzine.

Security officials in Sidon reported the city was blacked out after retreating Falangists shot up power cables, cutting off electricity to much of the area.

Officials at Sidon's big Hamoud hospital, where most casualties are treated, said their power supplies had been severed. Latest reports indicated the

Palestinians and their allies had reached Majdaloun, 5 kilometres east of South Lebanon's provincial capital, where Falangist militiamen of the "Lebanese Forces" were digging in.

Palestinian fighters, some of them teenagers, drove "Lebanese Forces" fighters out of their last stronghold in Mieh Mieh village before dawn after a four-hour battle and entered the village.

The "Lebanese Forces" fled back around 4 a.m. (0200 GMT) when they apparently ran out of ammunition. A Palestinian fighter told reporters: "We found machine guns and other weapons just abandoned inside the houses."

Young men jubilantly fired rifles and machine-guns in the air and at smoke-blackened houses as men and women poured into the still-smoking villages of Darb As Sim and Mieh Mieh from and carried off all they could carry.

"They're doing what the Falangists did to them," a Lebanese army officer, who declined to be identified, said as he watched the ransacking in Mieh Mieh's smoke-filled streets. "It's their turn now."

In the villages of Qayaa, Hilaliyah and Abra, formerly on the

frontlines, thousands of Lebanese inspected homes they were forced out of by the "Lebanese Forces" in month-long battles around Sidon.

Crowds fled in panic when eight heavy mortar shells hit Abra at 8.00 a.m. (0600 GMT). A few minutes later smoke rose from a mansion in the nearby town of Majdaloun owned by Sidon-born Saudi millionaire Rafiq Hariri.

The "Lebanese Forces" this week pulled back more than 300 men from Sidon to Beirut to stop the battles.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Rashid Karami has returned from Damascus with a Syrian-mediated accord aimed at easing inter-Muslim tension. But as he arrived, heavy militia fighting erupted on the "green line" dividing Beirut.

Mr. Karami, who resigned on April 16 after a bloody overnight battle among rival Muslim militias in West Beirut, agreed to stay on as prime minister Wednesday, after talks with Lebanese Muslim political and religious leaders in the Syrian capital.

Beirut Radio said that on his return to Beirut, Mr. Karami began arranging implementation of an agreement on army and militia control of the mainly-Muslim western sector.

Mr. Karami, a Sunni, earlier demanded that the army take complete charge of security in West Beirut.

Shi'ite cabinet minister Adel Oseini and Sunni Education Minister Selim Hoss also reversed their decisions to resign, and Mr. Khaddam said he expected a cabinet meeting soon.

Shultz to visit Jordan in May; Murphy arrives today

By a Jordan Times staff writer

AMMAN — Secretary of State George P. Shultz will visit Egypt and Jordan along with Israel early next month, but State Department officials cautioned against expectations of a breakthrough in Middle East diplomacy.

Spokesman Bernard Kalb said in Washington Friday that the secretary would confer with government officials in Cairo and Amman following his previously announced May 10 visit to Israel to mark the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Kalb encouraged reporters not to speculate that the new steps were added because of any progress obtained by Assistant Secretary Richard Murphy, who has been travelling in the Middle East.

"If you are asking me whether we have seen some dramatic breakthrough which we are responding to, the answer is no. Nor has there been any setback," said Kalb.

Kalb said Mr. Murphy "has had a series of informative and useful meetings with leaders in the region."

"We are assessing in an open frame of mind initiatives coming from the region," Kalb said. "We are seeking practical steps that would lead to direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbours and ultimately result in a just and lasting peace for the region."

"We expect this to be a slow, gradually developing process and I would advise against expectations of sudden breakthrough or dramatic events," he said.

Mr. Shultz, who is accompanying President Ronald Reagan on his trip to an economic summit in Bonn next week, will travel on to Israel after the president returns home.

After his Middle East tour, the secretary will fly to Vienna on May 14 for a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and to attend a celebration in honour of the 30th anniversary of a treaty that established Austria as an independent nation after 10 years of post-war occupation.

Meanwhile, informed sources told the Jordan Times Friday Mr. Murphy is expected to arrive in Jordan today, Saturday, for talks with His Majesty King Hussein and senior Jordanian officials.

Mr. Murphy, who began his current tour of the Middle East with a visit to Amman earlier this

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Feb. 11 accord embodies common consensus for peace, Queen says

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The Feb. 11 agreement between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is the embodiment of a "common consensus for peace that has been advanced in different forms by Arab, American, European and international initiatives," Her Majesty Queen Noor said Thursday.

Addressing a large gathering at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, the Queen pointed out that all these initiatives "call for the return of territory in exchange for peace and comprehensive security guarantees."

"The common denominator that permeates the Feb plan (adopted by the 1982 Arab sum-

mit), the Jordan-PLO accord, the Reagan initiative (of September 1982), the Venice Declaration of the European Economic Community (of June 1980), and other peace proposals, is the set of principles embodied in United Nations Security Council Resolution 242," said the Queen, who had been on a speaking tour of American universities since mid-April.

"The Queen called on the United States to implement in the Middle East declarations of human rights and self-determination by past American leaders."

"We are particularly troubled by the permissive attitude of the United States to Israel's repeated violations of international law in the occupied territories," she said.

The Queen also cited Israel's repeated violations of the human rights of the Palestinian people and the Jewish state's continued policy of establishing colonies in the occupied territories.

Referring to Arab moves for a just and comprehensive solution to the Middle East conflict, the Queen said: "Our vision is of a Middle East at peace, of all the children of Abraham — Muslims, Christians and Jews — living again with faith, in peace and equality, in the Holy Land of the Prophet Mohammed, Jesus, and Moses."

Full text of the Queen's speech at Tufts University will be published in tomorrow's issue of the Jordan Times.

East bloc leaders renew Warsaw Pact

WARSAW (Agencies) — Leaders of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact Friday signed a treaty extending East Europe's 30-year-old military alliance, the official PAP news agency said.

The agency did not state the length of the extension but said it was signed by Soviet Communist Party leader Mikhail Gorbachev and the party leaders of Moscow's six pact allies.

The signing took place after a round of formal talks to renew the 1955 treaty which created the pact as a counter to the West's North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

East German leader Erich Honecker said before the meeting that the pact would be renewed until the year 2005 with the option of a further 10-year extension.

The pact unites Poland, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Hungary as well as East Germany and the Soviet Union, which provides the bulk of its forces.

Mr. Gorbachev, making his first trip abroad since he assumed the Soviet party leadership in March and Mr. Honecker, Janos Kadar of Hungary, Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria, Gustav Husak of Czechoslovakia and Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania began their discussions at 11 a.m.

The group met at a round table, decked with the flags of the pact countries, in the same Polish government palace in central Warsaw where the founding treaty was signed.

The meeting was hosted by General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish prime minister and Communist Party first secretary.

The commander of the Warsaw Pact forces, Soviet Marshal Viktor Kulikov, sat across the table from Gen. Jaruzelski.

Strict security measures remained in force throughout the centre of Warsaw. Police closed major streets for much of the morning, creating traffic jams.

Reagan ready to meet Gorbachev in New York

BONN (R) — President Reagan was quoted Friday as saying that he would be willing to meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev during his autumn trip to the United Nations in New York.

Mr. Reagan told Die Welt newspaper, in an interview released ahead of publication Saturday: "I would gladly meet him."

"I obviously don't know Gorbachev's exact plans for his time in New York, but should he come I would organise my diary accordingly so that a meeting could take place," he said.

Since Mr. Gorbachev became Soviet leader last month the two men have said they would like to meet but no date for venue has been fixed.

Mr. Reagan told the Hamburg-based daily that Mr.

Gorbachev appeared willing to meet him.

"One of the reasons why I would welcome a meeting is that I have always believed that people always create problems for themselves when they talk about each other instead of with each other," Mr. Reagan said.

Asked what he would discuss with Mr. Gorbachev if a meeting took place, Mr. Reagan replied: "We must have a completely free exchange of views over some of the things which have made us mistrust each other."

"These things must be brought up so that we can understand each other," he said. Mr. Reagan gave no details, however, of what specifically might be discussed.

Gorbachev attack unlikely to signal showdown, page 4

Bombs injure Syrian diplomat, wreck Libyan airlines office

GENEVA (R) — Separate bomb blasts in central Geneva early Friday slightly injured a Syrian diplomat and wrecked the Libyan Arab Airlines offices, police said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attacks, they said.

Dr. Ahmad Saker, the plenipotentiary minister at the Syrian mission, was in a state of shock after the blast rocked his car as he drove to work, official sources said.

His wife, who was also in the car, was also in a mild state of shock but otherwise unhurt.

Police said three passers-by were taken to hospital after the blast, which occurred near the luxury hotel De la Paix close to the shore of Lake Geneva.

The passers-by included a pedestrian, a workman and a motorcyclist. No one was injured seriously, police said.

Earlier, a powerful explosion wrecked the central offices of the Libyan Arab Airlines office. No one was injured.

Police said windows were shattered within 100 metres of the blast. The bomb was placed outside the building, they said.

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Iraqi forces take control of Iranian pontoon bridge

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq has said its troops had reached and dismantled a pontoon bridge, apparently built by Iranian forces, on the southern Gulf war front.

A military communique said an Iraqi unit, backed by artillery, got control of the bridge "deep inside the enemy front" in what Iraq calls the east Tigris River sector.

The unit dismantled 600 metres of the bridge and seized six Soviet-made Strela rocket-launchers in the operation, it said. The communique did not specify the location of the bridge. But it seemed likely it had been built by Iranian forces during their last offensive last month in the Hawaz Marshlands of southern Iraq.

The Iraqis also threw up floating bridges through the shallow marshlands, notably around the so-called Majnoon Islands, early last year after they pushed into Iraq.

One such bridge linking the northern Majnoon Island with a military base inside Iraq was many kilometres long and built in 10-metre replaceable sections. The Iraqis were also reported to have thrown up pontoon bridges over the River Tigris at the height of their last thrust last month in an effort to cut off southern Iraq from Baghdad and the north.

Iraq said Thursday its warplanes attacked and "accurately" hit two very large naval targets — its usual term for tankers — near Iran's main oil terminal at Kharg Island in the Gulf.

A military spokesman said over Baghdad Radio that the raid was carried out at midday (0800 GMT).

Gulf shipping sources said they had no immediate information to confirm the attacks.

In Abu Dhabi U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was quoted Thursday as saying he had found "a new flexibility" in Iran's stand towards ending its war with Iraq.

In an interview with the semi-official paper Al Itihad, pub-

lished in Abu Dhabi, Mr. Perez de Cuellar said, "there was a new tone in Tehran... I also found a new flexibility and openness."

The U.N. chief visited both Tehran and Baghdad early this month to try to find a peaceful settlement to their four and a half year old conflict.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar said the Iranian officials he met did not mention earlier demands that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein be removed as a condition for ending the war.

"I didn't hear what others have heard before me such as extreme criticisms and expressions. They used a very civilised language," he told the newspaper.

Asked about Iran's conditions for ending the war he said: "If they can't win the war... then to get out of it in a suitable and appropriate manner."

Iraq told the U.N. Security Council Thursday to condemn Iraq for aggression or face further escalation of the Gulf war.

But it indicated it could be ready to take part in Security Council discussions on the 55-month-old conflict if its conditions were met.

Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi's statement came as the Security Council held closed consultations on the war.

A conference of Muslim clergy and scholars from 64 countries said Thursday Iran was the aggressor in the Gulf war and called for a boycott of Iran by the Islamic World.

In a series of resolutions, the 400 participants called for expulsion or suspension of Iran from all international, regional and Islamic organisations.

The conference held in Baghdad accused Iran of killing Iraqi prisoners of war and called on the Iranian people to escalate resistance against the Tehran rulers.

Iraqi President Saddam Hus-

Murphy arrives in Amman today

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month, was in occupied Jerusalem Friday. He met Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. The U.S. official declined comment on the outcome of his talks with Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir, according to reports reaching here.

It was not known whether Mr. Murphy will fly to Amman for talks with the King, who was staying back in the port city after he, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Sultan Qaboos bin Sa'id of Oman jointly inaugurated a new ferry link between Amman and the Egyptian port of Nuweibe.

Mr. Murphy, who visited Beirut Thursday and held talks with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, visited Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Syria during his current visit to the area which began April 13.

The U.S. envoy is scheduled to return to Washington on Monday and unconfirmed reports said he may also make a stopover in Cairo before flying to Washington.

Mr. Murphy was sent to the Middle East after Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (P.L.O.) reached an agreement on a formula for joint moves towards settling the Palestinian problem and President Mubarak proposed

that the U.S. open a dialogue with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation as a prelude to direct Arab-Israeli peace negotiations to be capped by an international conference on the Middle East.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan initially showed reluctance to take up Mr. Mubarak's proposal but said later Washington was willing to open a dialogue with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation provided that the delegation did not include any member of the P.L.O. The U.S., in line with a promise made to Israel in 1973, refuses to talk with the P.L.O. until the organisation explicitly recognises the Jewish state.

During his earlier visit this month to the occupied West Bank, Mr. Murphy was given a petition by prominent Palestinian personalities living under the Israeli occupation. The petition said the P.L.O. was the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and any peace negotiations should involve the organisation.

In Amman on Friday, the Jordan Times learnt that most senior government officials, including Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and cabinet members, as well as senior officials of the P.L.O. were in Amman. However, there were no firm indications that Mr. Murphy could

meet with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian team during his visit to the Kingdom on Saturday.

Reuters and the Associated Press meanwhile quoted unidentified Israeli officials as saying that Mr. Murphy told Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir on Friday that he did not find any agreement in the Arab World which would enable Palestinians to join a Jordanian-Palestinian team for peace talks.

Both news agencies, reporting after Mr. Murphy's talks in occupied Jerusalem, quoted the officials as saying the U.S. envoy told Mr. Peres and Mr. Shamir that he found little Arab interest in joining the peace moves revived by the Jordan-PLO agreement and the subsequent proposal by Mr. Mubarak for a U.S. dialogue with a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

"The impression left by Murphy was there doesn't seem to be any possibility right now for any step forward," the AP quoted an Israeli official as saying after the U.S. envoy met with Mr. Shamir.

Some observers here dismissed the reports as "disinformation" and said it was still premature to reach a definite conclusion to the results of Mr. Murphy's latest visit to the area.

Aqaba-Nuweibe' link inaugurated

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those who defended Arab soil. At the conclusion of his speech, the King named the ferry link and read out a Royal Decree issued by the King presenting awards and medals to Egyptian and Jordanian officials who had worked behind the scene to implement the project.

Mr. Obeid also presented a logo including a map of Jordan and Egypt and the ferry boat route between them to each of the three leaders.

Earlier in the day, King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos flew to Nuweibe, where they were received by Mr. Mubarak as the first part of the inauguration ceremony at the Egyptian side.

The three leaders inaugurated a new arrival hall, a new pier and a new hotel with a capacity of 100 chalets.

In a welcoming speech to the King and Sultan Qaboos, Mr. Mubarak named Nuweibe's new pier after Sultan Qaboos and the first Egyptian ferry boat to operate in the route after the King, Egyptian Minister of Transport, Telecommunications and Sea

Transport Suleiman Mutwalli also delivered a speech announcing Mr. Mubarak's decision to confer medals on those who contributed to finalise the project on both sides.

Southern Sinai Governor Majdi Suleiman then presented to the King, Sultan Qaboos and Mr. Mubarak Nuweibe's city's key.

Egyptian Information Minister Safwat Al Sharif told Radio Jordan in an interview that Aqaba-Nuweibe' link "strengthens and enhances relations between Jordan and Egypt and represents prospects for Arab solidarity."

The inauguration ceremonies of the new route were attended by His Highness Prince Mohammad, the King's personal representative, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Lawzi, Lower House Speaker Akel Al Fayez, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, ministers, senior governmental officials, representatives of the economic sector.

It quoted Mr. Dumas as saying his talks with Col. Qadhafi would cover "international developments and issues of mutual interest as well as cooperation between our two countries and peoples."

The French minister was expected to fly on to Beirut Friday and state-run Beirut Radio said he would have talks with President Amin Gemayel and Prime Min-

ister Rashid Karamli. A spokesman for his ministry in Paris said Thursday Mr. Dumas would also visit Saudi Arabia Saturday for talks with King Fahd, and fly home on Sunday.

He said Mr. Dumas' talks with Col. Qadhafi, his first meeting with the Libyan leader, would cover last September's Franco-Libyan agreement on withdrawing troops from Chad.

Dumas, Qadhafi discuss Chad situation

BEIRUT (R) — France's Minister for External Affairs Roland Dumas held talks in Tripoli Thursday night with Libyan Leader Muammar Qadhafi, the official Libyan News Agency JANA reported Friday.

JANA, monitored in Beirut, said Mr. Dumas arrived in Tripoli Thursday accompanied by his ministry's director of North African and Middle East affairs, Marc Bonnefous.

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Shultz' absence from Arab League symposium disappoints delegates

By David B. Ottaway

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Delegates to an Arab League conference, designed to open a dialogue with Washington over Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, expressed disappointment and anger that no Reagan administration official agreed to address it.

Participants in the meeting, which ended Wednesday, were particularly upset that Secretary of State George Shultz chose the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) to make his plea for more Arab support for peace moves led by Jordan and Egypt.

"Shultz apologised, but they did not designate anyone else to attend, either," said Clovis Mak-soud, the Arab League representative in Washington, who called the situation "a missed opportunity."

"We're not on the same wavelengths in our priorities," he said. "Maybe they feel they don't need it (an opportunity) at this point."

A State Department spokesman said, however, that the invitation to Mr. Shultz had come "very late" and "his schedule was all tied up."

"They made no effort to discuss the possibility of a replacement," he said, adding that the organisers also had made no attempt to coo-

rdinate the conference with the State Department.

The lack of communication over the Shultz invitation appeared symbolic of what emerged as the conference's central problem — getting anyone in Washington to listen to the Arab viewpoint on the settlements, widely regarded on the Arab side as a key obstacle in any U.S. or moderate Arab bid to get peace talks going again.

The conference, the first ever held by the Arab League on the Middle East peace issue here, received scarcely any news media attention, something that also did not go unnoticed during.

Arab League Secretary General Chadi Klibi addressed the opening session of the conference and urged the United States to use the "new positive elements" in the Arab stance on peace talks. He also said the U.S. should use its "influence and persuasion to bring about a permanent peaceful settlement, and soon."

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan addressed the conference with a video tape message. He spoke about "the apparent movement" shown by the Reagan administration because of its recent willingness to meet with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. In his tape, however, Prince Hassan said that any "piecemeal approach" to the peace talks would surely fail.

U.S., Saudis sign new development agreement

WASHINGTON (USIA) — The United States and Saudi Arabia have signed four new technical cooperation projects "at a critical time in the history of both the Joint Commission and Saudi Arabia," according to Commission Co-Chairman Mohammad Abalkhalil.

In a press conference at the Treasury Department concluding the ninth annual meeting of the U.S.-Saudi Arabia Joint Economic Commission, Secretary of the Treasury James Baker said the agreements will extend the life of the commission five years.

"We will maintain the same strong commitment to the Joint Economic Commission that we have over the past decade," Mr. Baker told Mr. Abalkhalil, minister of finance and national economy and head of the Saudi Arabian delegation, as he pledged U.S. participation in the fourth-five-year development plan.

"We continue to actively seek joint ventures with U.S. companies who are interested in our market and who wish to participate in the challenges and rewards of our spectacular growth," Mr. Abalkhalil responded in his remarks.

Saudi Arabia is particularly interested in increasing the role of the Joint Commission in the transfer of technology and expertise, Mr. Abalkhalil said.

Abalkhalil continued, "this meeting takes place during a historic transition in the Saudi Arabian economy. We are emerging from a construction-based growth economy into a more solid, production-oriented economy."

Areas of the new agreements in the fourth five-year plan, Mr. Baker said, include health, education, meteorology, communications, training and manpower development. Mr. Baker said discussions during the 1985 meeting focused on further improving Saudi manpower development projects and more effective use of newly transferred technologies.

Pointing out that one of the most important values the United States shares with Saudi Arabia is a deep and abiding commitment to free markets, Mr. Baker said that the United States had strengthened its economic policies through incentive-spurring tax cuts and private sector deregulation which helped produce "a truly dramatic improvement in the U.S. economy."

"When the Reagan administration took office in January 1981," Mr. Baker said, "I know that you, in Saudi Arabia, as large investors in our market, were also worried about the weakness of our economy." Since then, Mr. Baker said, the Reagan economic programme has "turned the situation around."

French premier due in Morocco today

RABAT (R) — French Prime Minister Robert Fabius is due in Morocco on Saturday to demonstrate France's continued interest in North Africa, where the United States, Spain and Italy are seeking a bigger role, diplomats said.

Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid is just back from a state visit to Washington. Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez was in Algiers last month and Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti visited Rabat earlier this month.

Mr. Fabius' visit to Morocco, his first to North Africa since he became prime minister last summer, illustrates the closeness of Franco-Moroccan relations, the diplomats said.

Foreign Minister Abdul Latif Filali met President Francois Mit-

terrand nine days ago while in Paris for a meeting of the joint Franco-Moroccan commission and King Hassan envisages a private visit to France soon, they said.

Mr. Fabius is expected to discuss economics, finance and trade with Prime Minister Mohammad Karim Lamrani on Sunday and will talk politics on Monday when he sees the king in Marrakesh.

Regional issues, including the Western Sahara conflict which has soured Moroccan-Algerian relations for more than nine years, are expected to top the agenda, diplomats said.

While favouring a peaceful solution, France has taken a neutral stance on the issue to avoid antagonising Algeria with which it also enjoys close relations, the dip-

lomats said. The likely impact on Moroccan farm exports of the forthcoming entry of Spain and Portugal into the European Community is also expected to loom large in the discussions, they added.

The importance for Morocco of its relations with the Community was underlined when the post of minister for relations with the Community was created in the new cabinet government formed earlier this month.

Chad might also be discussed during Mr. Fabius' trip, the diplomats said, in view of the treaty of union signed by Morocco and Libya last summer.

Mr. Mitterrand held secret talks with King Hassan just before France and Libya agreed to withdraw their troops from Chad.

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| EXHIBITIONS | Museum of Military Memorabilia: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 630123. |
| | Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 637169. |
| SERVICE CLUBS | Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 pm. |
| | Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 pm. |
| | Philadelphian Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 pm. |
| CULTURAL WEEK | Egyptian Cultural Week (art exhibition, book exhibition, poetry recitals, puppet show, folkloric show) at the Royal Cultural Centre. |
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| | American Centre - 644371 |
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| | Turkish Cultural Centre - 636469 |
| | Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. |
| MUSEUMS | Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th century orientalist artists. Museum, Jabal Luweibid. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. |
| CHURCHES | St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Amman, Tel. 624890. |
| | Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic): Jabal Luweibid, 637440. |
| | De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic): Jabal Hussein, 661757. |
| | Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox): Abadi, 623541. |
| | Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer): Jabal Amman, 625383. |
| | Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 771331. |
| | Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 771331. |
| | St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox): Ashrafieh, 771751. |
| | Armenian International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shweikhan, 816534. |
| | Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jabal Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smir), Tel. 811295. |
| PRAYER TIMES | 04:25 Sunrise |
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| WEATHER | Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology. An increase in temperature is expected, with northerly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and calm sea. Low/high temperature in deg.C: Amman 19/24 Agaba 18/20 Deserts 13/27 Jordan Valley 15/29 Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 19, Agaba 27. Humidity readings: Amman 90 per cent, Agaba 27 per cent. |
| MONEY EXCHANGE | Local sell/buy rates in Jds: Belgian franc 65/ 65.5 Dutch guilder 114/6 115.2 Egyptian pound 292.3 295.6 French franc 42.4 42.7 Iraqi dinar 396/ 403.3 Italian lire (for 100) 20.4 20.7 Japanese yen (for 100) 160.6 161.9 Kuwaiti dinar 133.3 134.6 Lebanese lira 23.3 24.3 Omani rial 115.8 116.6 Qatari rial 110.3 111 Saudi rial 111.6 112.2 Swedish crown 44.7 45.1 Swiss franc 155.1 156.3 Syrian lira 36/ 37 U.A.E. dirham 109.3 110 U.K. sterling pound 494/ 498 U.S. dollar 403.5 406 W. German mark 129.3 130.3 |

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Dairy production must be improved, Dakhqan says

AMMAN (Petra) — Agriculture Minister Ahmad Dakhqan said Friday that Jordan produces only 21 to 25 per cent of its needs of dairy products, amounting to nearly 46,000 tonnes annually and he appealed to producers to increase their production and to improve the quality of dairy products.

In a statement to mark the 'Dairy Products Day' in the Arab World, Mr. Dakhqan said that cows provide 41 per cent of the total local dairy products and that sheep and goats supply the rest, but he added that the local needs of milk and dairy products amount to 222,000 to 274,000 tonnes annually. Therefore, all measures should be made to increase production; prevent diseases among farm animals and to improve the quality of dairy products, Mr. Dakhqan said.

The minister said that the Arab

World's needs of dairy products this year amount to nearly 14 million tonnes, expected to rise to 19.5 million by the year 2000. But, he said, the Arab World produces less than required with an expected total of 10.5 million tonnes this year going up to 14 million by the year 2000. Through the prevention of disease and wise farming policies, the minister added, the Arab World could increase its production many fold.

The minister announced that several information programmes and documentaries will be presented to the public about dairy production and food security through the media and he added that specialists will deliver lectures to animal breeders to offer guidance on the best means of increasing and improving dairy production.

Majali presides over education planning, coordination meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Abdul Wahab Majali Thursday called on the various Ministry of Education committees to aim, at all times, to develop the educational process and to improve the quality of teaching.

Mr. Majali was addressing a meeting of the Planning and Coordination Committee which was held at the ministry and attended by Ministry of Education Secretary-General Abdul Latif Arabiyat, his assistant Mr. Yusef Akour and senior ministry officials.

Mr. Majali called for good preparations before such meetings including the distribution of an agenda well in advance to give participants time to prepare themselves for the debate. He also called for the distribution of the meeting's minutes to all ministry directors to keep them informed about all developments.

Mr. Majali called on the ministry's regional directors to submit summaries of administrative and educational problems they encounter in order that they may be discussed at committee meetings.

British firm to conduct study on JEA data control centre

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) has signed a contract with a British consultancy firm to conduct a feasibility study aimed to expand JEA's control centre.

Under the contract, the firm will revise the specifications, equipment and engineering work required for the expansion of the control centre in order to pave the way for installing new equipment

and a computerised system to facilitate and strengthen the centre's performance, according to the centre's director Khaled Amr.

He said that the expansion project is expected to cost JD 1.5 million and will be completed by the end of 1989.

The contract was signed by JEA Director General Mohammad Sa'id Arafah and the British firm's general manager.



SCHOOL TRIP: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Thursday attends an "Activities Day" organised by the International Baccalaureate School in Amman. Prince Hassan toured an exhibition of embroidery, woodwork, pottery and scientific experiments in addition to artistic and other displays presented by the school children. The school is governed by a board of trustees chaired by Her Highness Princess Sarvath, and offers academic courses and English, German and French languages in addition to Arabic in all the school stages.

Hamzeh opens medical conferences

By Olga Mikhail
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh Friday opened at the Professional Associations Complex a scientific day organised by the Jordanian Neurologists Society (JNS).

Dr. Hamzeh praised the society's role in promoting scientific activities and by participating in scientific conferences both at home and abroad.

He said: "The holding of such scientific gatherings, symposiums and seminars contribute to the efficiency of doctors through the exchange of information and experience and through the exposure to new scientific discoveries in the medical field."

JNS President Ashraf Kurdi reviewed the society's activities since its establishment in 1983 and called for the establishment of a higher academic college for neurology.

Jordanian Medical Association President Hassan Khreis praised the role of the society and called for cooperation between special societies and the public and private health sectors for the development of medical sciences.

The day included lectures focussing on the diagnosis and treatment of neurological diseases.

Surgeon's meeting
On Thursday Dr. Hamzeh

opened the Jordanian Surgeons Society (JSS) 13th annual scientific conference and called on all medical and official bodies to support the JSS in order to raise the level of surgeons and doctors operating in Jordan.

Dr. Hamzeh, one of the society's founders, reviewed the history of the JSS since its establishment and praised the many scientific and cultural activities implemented so far by the organisation. "The society is contributing to improving the level of Jordanian surgeons by holding different conferences, lectures and panel discussions in which different medical researches are presented," the minister said.

President Abdulaziz Bilbeisi welcomed the participants and guest lectures from the American University of Beirut Medical Centre (AUBMC) highlighted the importance role of surgeons in society. He also called on them to shoulder their responsibilities towards their patients and the community.

Dr. Bilbeisi also reviewed the development which have taken place in the last few years resulting in trimming the responsibilities of the Jordan Medical Association. These responsibilities, he said, which included planning for better, healthier medical future and organising the relationship between doctors and patients were handed over to the Higher Medical Council (HMC). "Unfortunately, the council did not work according to these authorities and only concentrated on examinations for doctors," he added.

Dr. Bilbeisi added that their should be a certain plan based on statistics and experience to assimilate the newcomers in medicine and surgery. "We have to redistribute the doctors in Jordan as they are concentrated in big cities while rural areas suffer from a lack of doctors and basic medical care," he continued.

During the conference, different lectures dealing with pediatrics, orthopaedics, neuro surgery and peptic ulcer problems were presented by local and Arab surgeons. Dr. Michael Slim from AUBMC gave a lecture on the "Megacolon" which has to do with inborn paralysis of the large colono.

Jordan, Arab countries review economic relations with Turkey

Prince Hassan calls for round table meeting to discuss current Arab, Islamic concerns

AMMAN (J.T.) — Participants in a conference on Arab Turkish relations, opened in Amman Thursday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Friday paid a visit to Mu'ta University upon an invitation from its president Ali Mahafzah, according to Turkish Ambassador to Jordan Resat Erim. Mr. Erim told the Jordan Times that Saturday's session of the conference would tackle political and economic ties between Turkey and the Arab World.

strengthen relations among Islamic nations," Prince Hassan said. He also referred to the development of educational cooperation with Turkey and expressed satisfaction at the Turkish government's decision to introduce Arabic as a second language in Turkish schools and universities.

In the past few years, there has been a noticeable increase in Turkish-Jordanian cooperation in trade, education and other fields and Turkey has adopted a balanced and just stand vis-a-vis the Iran-Iraq war. All these are indications of the growing importance of Turkey and the need to pursue further economic, political and social ties between the Arab and Islamic nations, Prince Hassan said. Prince Hassan also expressed his belief that Jordan and Turkey can together move forward in co-ordinating their efforts to achieve economic progress.

Referring to the situation in the Middle East, he said that the Zionist occupation of Arab and Islamic land and the continuation of the Iran-Iraq war should urge all Muslims and Arabs to join hands and establish justice and lasting peace.

Later in the evening, the Jordanian-Turkish Friendship Society held a reception in honour of the delegates. The reception was attended by Prince Ali Nayef, the chairman of the society, Princesses Wijdan Ali and other intellectuals, officials and university professors and the Turkish ambassador to Jordan.

Crown Prince Hassan Thursday called for the convening of a round-table conference to discuss issues of concern to Arab and Islamic countries.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Prince Hassan said that the Arab and Islamic nations should transcend their differences and should pool their resources in order to fulfil their common aspirations and bring about a liberation of Jerusalem and the other parts of the holy land.

Prince Hassan expressed hope that the present decade will witness a growing understanding of common problems and a pledge to work for the common goals. He urged Arab and Islamic intellectuals to hold periodic meetings and exchange views towards achieving that goal and reminded all that the Zionist danger still exists and continues to cause havoc in the occupied Arab lands. Earlier, Prince Hassan made a speech at the opening of the Third Arab Turkish Conference in Amman in which he reviewed Turkish Arab relations and developments affecting them over the years.

The founder of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was keen on establishing relations with Turkey, and under his son, King Talal, the two nations embarked on a new era which is continuing to grow day by day, Prince Hassan said.

He said that the strong relations between Jordan and Turkey in educational, trade and economic

fields are benefiting the peoples of both countries as they are based on a foundation of safeguarding mutual interests.

In his speech, Prince Hassan referred to the conquest of Constantinople in 1453 which, he said, marked the beginning of the modern age and which ushered in a new era of cooperation between Islamic countries. Even during the period of weakness which the Ottoman empire witnessed, the holy places in the Arabian peninsula were safeguarded and the port of Aqaba was transformed into an international sea port, thanks to the presence of the Hijaz Railway, Prince Hassan noted.

He said that differences in relations between the Arab nation and Turkey during the First World War have been removed with the emergence of modern Turkey and due to the endeavours of the leaders of the two nations. "No doubt, the close cooperation between Turkey and the Arab World will result in mutual benefits and will promote understanding and

IN MEMORIAM
President Tancredo Neves.
The Ambassador of Brazil invites the Brazilian community and friends of Brazil to the mass in memorial service for President Tancredo Neves, Saturday April 27, 1985 at 18:00 p.m. at the "Lady Annunciation Latin Church", Jabal Luweibdeh.

Health official stresses need for regular vaccinations as week-long national campaign concludes

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A large number of children have been vaccinated against six common diseases, considered as the main child killer diseases, director of the Primary Health Care Department at the Ministry of Health, Dr. Sulaiman Qubain said Friday.

In an interview with the Jordan Times Dr. Qubain said that the week-long national vaccination week, which concluded Thursday, has a special importance especially for children who are the most vulnerable group. Asked about the number of children vaccinated during the national vaccination week, he said that no figures are available at present.

Dr. Qubain called on guardians of children to take them to the vaccination posts regularly throughout the year, adding that vaccination is not restricted to one national week or another. "The health centres and clinics are open throughout the year and parents can always take their children there to give them the necessary vaccines which are provided free of charge for all citizens," Dr.

Qubain said. He added that a child is given diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (DPT) and polio vaccines as of the third month and that a period of four to eight weeks separates the first shot and the second. He also called on mothers to take the tetanus vaccine which is given after the fourth month of pregnancy, because the vaccine provides the mother and her child with immunity against this disease, which can be caused by the cutting of the umbilical cord by traditional birth attendants. Girls can also be vaccinated against this disease between the ages of 15 and 45, with a space of one month between the first and second shot.

Treating diarrhoea

Speaking about one of the most serious child diseases, diarrhoea, which claims the lives of large numbers of children every year, Dr. Qubain said the disease, which results in dehydration, might lead to the death of a child if he is not given enough fluids to make up for the fluids he lost as a result of diarrhoea.

This disease can now be easily

treated by giving the dehydrated child a solution consisting of salt, sugar and water. The solution, now well-known as Oral Rehydration Therapy (ORT) is a simple and low-cost method of treating diarrhoea, he said. The solution, now available in all health centres, can easily be prepared by parents at home without any need to consult a doctor from the beginning of diarrhoea.

Contents of a packet of Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) are dissolved in one litre of tap water (four glasses of water) and can be given to the child by a cup and a spoon if he is less than three months old. A three-month-old child is given 125 centilitres of the solution during the first hour, another 125 centilitres during the second hour and then a similar quantity of clean water is given to the child. The same procedure is then repeated. If a child is more than three months old, he should be given 250 centilitres an hour, according to Dr. Qubain. However, Dr. Qubain added, if no improvement is observed after four or six hours the child should be taken to the doctor.

Nutrition

Another important point in treating diarrhoea is that nutrition of the dehydrated child should not be discontinued because if this happens, the child might become malnourished and may even die, Dr. Qubain pointed out. When the first signs of dehydration are noticed, a child should be given large quantities of liquids, such as rice-water, tea and orange juice in addition to normal food, he said.

Asked whether the ORT can be prepared locally or at home, Dr. Qubain said that at present there is no need to prepare it at home because there are sufficient quantities of ORS packets at health centres. However, he added, the Ministry of Health plans to prepare the product locally in Jordan in cooperation with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). A WHO expert will arrive in Jordan shortly to discuss this issue, he added. Once an agreement is reached, the Ministry of Health will charge one of the pharmaceutical companies in Jordan to manufacture the product locally.

The first ferry boat trip from Aqaba to Nuweibe

By Rama Sabbagh
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AQABA — The new ferryboat link between the Egyptian port of Qaboo, formerly known as Nuweibe, and Jordan's port of Aqaba was inaugurated Thursday by King Hussein. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Sultan Qaboo Ibn Said of Oman, marking an historic occasion for both the Jordanians and Egyptians.

For all its seriousness, the inauguration of the ferryboat link was not void of some interesting scenes and incidents. Following are some observations and impressions collected from the journalists tug-boat, which carried Jordanian and foreign press correspondents to Qaboo port and back to Aqaba in Jordan.

Minister of Transport Farhi Obeid, Minister of Planning Abdullah Nsour, Egyptian Ambassador to Amman, Ihab Wahbeh and Minister of Agriculture Ahmad Dakhqan were transported to Nuweibe port via the "Blue Arrow" yacht and their journey lasted three hours. Journalists were transported on board two tug-boats, "Saff" and "Karamieh". Their journey to Nuweibe lasted for three hours and

fifty minutes at the speed of the boats was 11 knots. Upon departure from Aqaba port, the yacht and tug-boats were accompanied by the Jordanian Armed Forces' marine patrol yachts. Entering the arena of Nuweibe, the convoy was received by three Egyptian Armed Forces marine patrol yachts, and two rubber-dingy boats.

Egyptian soldiers stood at Nuweibe guarding the area. A large ferryboat "Taba-Alexandria", which inaugurated the link between the two countries and His Majesty's yacht "Noor" were docked next to each other at Nuweibe port.

The inauguration of the sea-link took place at the port's arrival and departure complex where the three leaders sat on a raised platform. President Mubarak announced that the port of Nuweibe has had its name changed to the port of Qaboo and that the ferryboat "Taba-Alexandria" has been re-named "Al Hussein". South Sinai Governor Major General Majdi Suleiman awarded the key of Nuweibe city to King Hussein, Sultan Qaboo and Mr. Mubarak.

Mr. Mubarak awarded Jordanian Minister of Transport Farhi Obeid, Egyptian Minister of

Transport Suleiman Mutwalli and labour groups from both countries, medals in appreciation of their efforts in preparation for the opening of the ferryboat link which took less than four months.

Mr. Mubarak's opening speech lasted 9 minutes and was interrupted twice by the audience who chanted words of praise to the three leaders. Mr. Mubarak said that it is a great honour to celebrate the inauguration of the link, together with Sinai's day of liberation from Israeli occupation, with two Arab leaders who are highly regarded and appreciated by the Egyptian people.

The chants which interrupted Mr. Mubarak's speech said "Qaboo and Hussein are welcomed, the Egyptian people welcome you". "Long live Mubarak, the hope of all Arabs."

The three leaders then left to inaugurate the fishermen's village tourist hotel whose first phase of construction includes 100 chalets.

At 2:25 p.m. the three leaders arrived to inaugurate the line after opening the hotel. Military music was played by the Egyptian military group, Al Hussein's horns were sounded as the three leaders

stood on a raised platform opposite the "Al Hussein" waving to passengers who were the first to travel on this newly-opened line to Aqaba. At 2:27 p.m. they boarded the ship where they remained for two minutes. Then they walked back and President Mubarak drove a black 230 T.E. Mercedes Benz station wagon, King Hussein sat next to him and Sultan Qaboo sat in the back seat. The three leaders were happily laughing. They left at 3:30 p.m.

During the return of the tug-boats to Aqaba, a helicopter flew over the sea at 6:30 p.m., carrying the three leaders from the sultan's yacht back to Aqaba port. Aqaba port was decorated with the flags of the three countries and pictures of the three leaders. The three leaders then arrived at Al Yamouk arrival and departure hall at 7:25 p.m. King Hussein's speech lasted 9 minutes, Mr. Mubarak's speech 11 minutes.

King Hussein named the first ferryboat to leave Aqaba to Nuweibe port "Al Mabroukeh", which combines the meaning of Mr. Mubarak's name "blessing" and the name of one of the sultan's military vessels.

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What does change of government really mean?



Talking straight
Marwan Muasher

CHANGES OF governments in Jordan have always intrigued me, even as a kid who used to see a glamorous occasion in them. I must admit that, as an adult, I am still not quite certain that I understand the reasons behind the change in governments or the timings of these changes. I do not think many Jordanians do, either. Nobody seems willing to discuss it publicly. Newspapers report the change so matter-of-factly, without any analysis or questions. Perhaps Jordanians are so accustomed to waking one day and finding a new government in town that they have stopped looking for justifications. Regardless of our feelings towards new governments, we have learnt to live with them.

But if we have come to regard reasons behind any change as irrelevant, I hope we have not stopped to expect newer and better things anytime such

a change takes place.

It has always been difficult to know what to expect from any new government in Jordan. While people are generally happy about this new one due to the prime minister's previous record in office, one is still not sure what policies the government will pursue other than having a more liberal approach to the economy. Understandably, this is the one subject people are concerned about most, and it looks like the government is giving it immediate attention. But there are other areas of concern on which we also expect the government to take action.

The first feeler for policies of any new government is the political programme it submits to parliament, asking to be awarded a vote of confidence on its basis. So far, every government that has been formed in Jordan has submitted a programme of its objectives with which few

people could disagree. This is because most previous governments have talked only about concepts, so general as to be interpreted in several, often opposing, ways. Details, specific plans, or intended solutions have been conspicuously left out.

This has resulted over the past years in a lot of ambiguity, given the lack of well-defined policies that lead to the evolution of well-defined systems. It is true that a political programme might not be the proper forum for including many details, but it is essential that it establishes a clear framework within which details can be worked out.

So far, this has not happened. Governments have often resorted to a "scratch-where-it-itches" approach to problems, lacking a specific system which offers clear and unambiguous guidelines.

The present government, for

example, has included in its programme a call to make easier citizens' dealings with the government. But it has not told us (not yet, anyway) what practical steps it intends to take in order to cut down on government bureaucracy. Previous governments tackled the subject in principle, but so far no government has made any serious breakthroughs in trying to solve this problem.

Over the past few days, we have seen specific actions aimed at handling the economy. What we hope for is that such actions become part of a clear policy with established objectives and defined goals. Cases as the ones cited above are only examples where the government needs to start codifying rules, in effect building infrastructures where actions make more sense and are not a result of instantaneous situations.

The government has stated

that every Jordanian has the right to think and express his or her views freely but responsibly. Again, in the absence of a code system defining where the government draws the line between responsibility and malice, that right to a "free" expression of thought remains totally ambiguous. Whereas someone might express a particular view of his thinking he is acting in the interest of his country, the government might arbitrarily decide that his action was totally "irresponsible."

In such cases, it is the government's duty either to clearly come out with a code of ethics defining its own interpretations and ideas about citizens' rights, and expect people to abide by it, or leave it to the courts to decide what is responsible and what is not. The present scheme of affairs, however, where the government is both the plaintiff and the judge, runs con-

trary to any definition of citizens' rights.

One needs to know here what practical steps will be taken to guarantee the right to a free expression of thought. Is criticising a government's action a responsible act or not? Does criticising a minister's action fall under citizens' rights or not? What things can be criticised? What constitutes a danger to national security and what does not?

Is the Ministry of Information's grip on newspapers consistent with what has been said about free expression of thought? What about the press and publications law? Can a citizen be "free in what he thinks" when the government has the right to revoke the licence of any newspaper without question? Is martial law still necessary? and, if so, in what fields?

To play any game well, one has to know the rules. I am, of

course, not suggesting we are playing games. What I am saying is that any work is done more effectively if one knows the codes and rules that govern that work. It is imperative that we stop over-concerning ourselves with concepts and start establishing specific codes and policies.

We are all for supporting the army, ensuring a good life for the citizen, protecting his security and freedoms, working for Arab solidarity, joining hands with the PLO, and improving the economy. Just as we have started witnessing some concrete steps being taken in the economic field, we have great hopes that other concrete steps will follow in other fields that the government has included in its programme. We all agree on the principles. The question is how we apply and work within them in the world of reality.

Vietnam, poor blacks and others on Channel 6

By John Boteler

HELLO AGAIN! Did you miss me? Yes, I'm sure you did, and will the dissenter in the back row kindly sit down. In case you are wondering, while you were sitting and trying to make head or tail of last week's viewing, I was on holiday, slowly frying in Aqaba, and fast becoming bankrupt. But enough of that: down to business. I did manage to see some television, and one of the programmes I caught was "Vietnam" (tonight, 8:30). As the tale of the French defeat at the hands of General Giap slowly unravelled, one began to wonder why the Americans ever bothered to get involved in the first place. Not only did the Vietnamese forces as "the best infantry in the world", but their very persistence and disregard of casualties made one realise that they would not stop until they had won. It's easy to be wise after the event, of course, but surely some realisation of this must have made itself felt even then. This week's episode is subtitled "Early Hopes, 1955-1963". After partition, thousands of Vietnamese voted with their feet by migrating to the South. President Diem's regime was popular at first, but the beginning of Vietcong activity began to destabilise the government. The feature film at 10:15 is "Book of Numbers", starring Raymond St. Jacques and Freda Payne. It deals with the social life amongst the poor blacks in the Southern U.S. states in the 1920s. It focuses on gamblers and the deadly struggle amongst those who ran the gambling dens. I wouldn't bet on a happy ending.

Tomorrow, (Sunday), has "Full House" at 8:30. With the help of a computer, Paul sets out to prove that he's a better housewife than Marsha, in "Little Secrets". But there are some questions a computer can't answer. Is Murray a thief? Why is he wearing a dress? (Surely some mistake here? Ed.) Little secrets are revealed as Marsha shows that a wife can do some

things better than a machine. "The History of Television" is at 9:10. Apart from some pretty graphics and nostalgic clips from all our yesterdays, this programme seems a bit pleased with itself. This is television, and aren't we clever. It yet has to face up to its responsibilities and to study seriously the enormous social impact, for bad as well as for good, that this media monster has created. It has a perfect chance to do so this week, with its study of the power of news reporting on TV. Television is the most important and powerful means of modern communication in news and current affairs all over the world. This programme shows how the news is gathered, analysed and transmitted. But what interests me is whether and how much the programme will look at how TV creates the news, through selectivity, distortion, and sometimes near-fabrication, and how much the political and personal views of station executive influences what the general public is told about world events. Whether these questions are satisfied, time will tell, but satisfaction is guaranteed by "Scarcrow and Mrs. King" at 10:15, with Amanda and Lee surging onwards.

Though I have not seen as much of what Channel 6 has to offer over the last few weeks as I would have liked, (brothers and brothers-in-law are not conducive to quiet evenings in front of the goggle-box), the one evening I have been able to watch pretty regularly is Monday. Now whether this is a good thing or not, I'm not sure. "Guitarra" at 8:30 is very cultural and has lots of pretty scenery, but such are my musical tastes, (or lack of them), that I keep finding myself searching the screen frantically for an electric lead and an amplifier. However, I do gain great enjoyment from Mr. Bream's Cheshire cat grin. You can almost hear him talking to himself: "Aren't I the lucky one. I'm flown round Spain, all exp-

enses paid, stay in these superb castles, get three special guitars made just for me, and all I have to do is strum a tune occasionally".

Well, yes Jules, old chap, you are rather lucky, and all the best, mate. Which is more than can be said of "George Washington" (9:10), who started off getting the colonies involved in a war with France, (a bit over-enthusiastic that, George), and is now on the slippery path to revolution, and furthermore is surrounded by people who spend their whole time screaming at each other, getting red in the face, and ranting and raving to beat the band. Last week his adored Patsy ranted so much that she came over all dead, George is also looking gloomier and gloomier; apart from the aforementioned trials and tribulations, his terminal toothache is probably setting in with a vengeance. And to cap it all George and Sally Fairfax have done a bunk and fled to England. (Probably missing the tea). Don't worry George, it'll all come right in the end. And at 10:15 there's "Hawaiian Heat". Ahem, yes. The cops who made Hawaii dangerous. Andy Senkowski is as stupid as he is big, and apart from making one realise why Americans tell so many jokes about Poles, his only other useful purpose appears to be to fall in love each week with a blonde who is rightly or wrongly accused of being the baddie of the piece. ("Aw, Shucks, but she can't be"). But it's Mae who is beginning to get me really nervous. Every week there's some new and ghastly revelation about his private life. His father was a crooked cop who is now doing time. His mother died while he was still a child. He has a gambling problem. What does the future hold in store? A grandmother who's a heroin addict? A childhood pet of a budge with rabies? But spare a thought for dad. Everything was going relatively OK for him. He was safely in jail, and every now and then he'd write a simple letter to his backward son. ("Dear Mac. This

is a picture of a cat. See its pretty ears?"). And then, suddenly, his morose offspring starts bombarding him with tortured missives full of puerile thoughts about life and fulsome descriptions of women, fun times in Hawaii, sun and sand. Watch it Mac, one of these days one of your father's cellmates is going to come looking for you armed with a meathook.

More pain and grief is in store for poor harassed Leonard Rossiter in "Tripper's Day", (Tuesday, 8:30). Tripper's lot is seldom a happy one and this week he has to cope with the usual staff problems, plus a flooded store-room, and Hilda's desire to make him an unmarried father. Mind you, there are one or two perks that could make his life a bit more bearable. No such luck for brave Captain Scott in "The Last Place on Earth" at 9:10. Ardent dog-lovers are strongly advised to give this episode a miss, or at least to watch only through your fingers, because Amundsen the Savage Scandinavian has some nasty surprises in store for his brave and faithful huskies. The man was a cheat, of course, as can easily be seen by his dastardly tactic of starting the race first and being better equipped, and choosing an easier

route. Scott, on the other hand, is very sporting and makes a last-minute change of plan, which information he entrusts to the thoroughly ga-ga Meares to relay to base-camp. "Margin for Murder" is the feature film at 10:15 and it stars Kevin Dobson and Cindy Pickett.

"The Bounder", (Wednesday, 8:30) has Howard ecstatic over Laura's return and his conviction that she is drawn back by his irresistible charm. Trevor's gloomy forebodings are confirmed when Howard decides to give Laura a £7,000 bracelet—citing Trevor as a reference. "She won't accept it, so you needn't worry" he assures Trevor. I wouldn't be so sure, old boy!! The fascinating series "The New Pacific" continues at 9:10, and this week it studies the religions of the area in "Belief". Each of the world's major religions is found in the Pacific: Islam in Indonesia, Buddhism in Korea, Hinduism in Fiji and Bali, and Christianity throughout the South Pacific and in the United States. But everywhere animism (the belief in spirits, good or evil) is active, often hiding within the ritual of Buddhism or Christianity. Missionaries are very active in the Pacific. The Mormons work par-

ticularly amongst the Polynesians and there are missionary radio stations in Korea, the Philippines and Micronesia beaming their message in a dozen languages throughout the Pacific. The programme also contrasts startlingly the Buddhist mystics of the area with old frauds such as the Maharishi Yogi who is ensconced in spiritual (and very material) opulence in California. The interesting selection of "Play of the Week" continues at 10:15, with "The Appointment". A little girl is extremely upset when her Daddy misses her first ever violin performance. Shades of "All in the Family" you may think. But wait, for this particular little poppet has more in common with Carrie or that delightful little creature who turned so many heads, notably her own, in "The Exorcist". Sounds like Dad is in for a tough time, but it is a pity that JTV sees fit to spread these plays over two weeks, thus losing much of the tension and momentum.

"Snowed In" is this Thursday's episode of "Charles in Charge" at 8:30, while love and sweetness and rugged Australian good looks are in full flood in "All the Rivers Run" at 9:10. Really (in a fashion) returns in Dempsey and Makepeace at 10:15, where our crime-busting duo take on the London underworld yet again in "The Squeeze".

Friday, and first the bad news. It seems that "Airwolf" has gone off course and is lost somewhere over middle America, so the forces of law and order will just have to struggle on as best they can with "Knight Rider" (Channel 3, 7:30). It spends so much time in the air anyway that if you squint it'll look much the same. And much the same is the line-up for Friday on Channel 6. "Moving" at 8:30 has poor old Sarah getting fairly near the end of her tether. "The cracks in the house have been filled in but all the other cracks, domestically, are still there. I can't sort out my daughter, my sister, my husband. I'm still taking valium. "Come home, Ron. At 10:10, "Hot Pursuit" lands Jim and Kate in even more hot water when they rescue a strange girl from two attackers. She is so grateful that she informs them that she is wise to them and will hand them over to the law unless they help find her missing fiancé. She is also the niece of a dead organised crime boss and her brother and "heir to the throne" is out to stop the wedding at all costs.

It sounds as if our heroes would be better off handing themselves in to the police. Of course they wouldn't be in this mess if they could rely on kindly "Miss Marple" (9:10). This week sees the first of a three-part mystery, the classically named "Body in the Library". The story takes place in Miss Marple's home territory — St. Mary Mead, a village nestled in the far-flung reaches of the Home Counties, sometime in the late 1940's. Just outside the village stands Gosington Hall, the home of Colonel and Mrs. Bantry. One spring morning they awake to find that Mary the maid has discovered a body in the library; an unknown, peroxide blonde young lady lying on the hearthrug, strangled. The scene is set, all the ingredients are there, and enter stage left Spinster Jane, as fluffy as she is shrewd, closely followed by the local constabulary. The village policeman, Constable Palk; the Chief Constable, Colonel Melchett; and the superbly named Inspector Slack! Oh, they don't write 'em like that any more!



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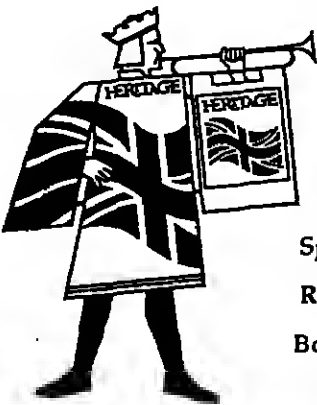
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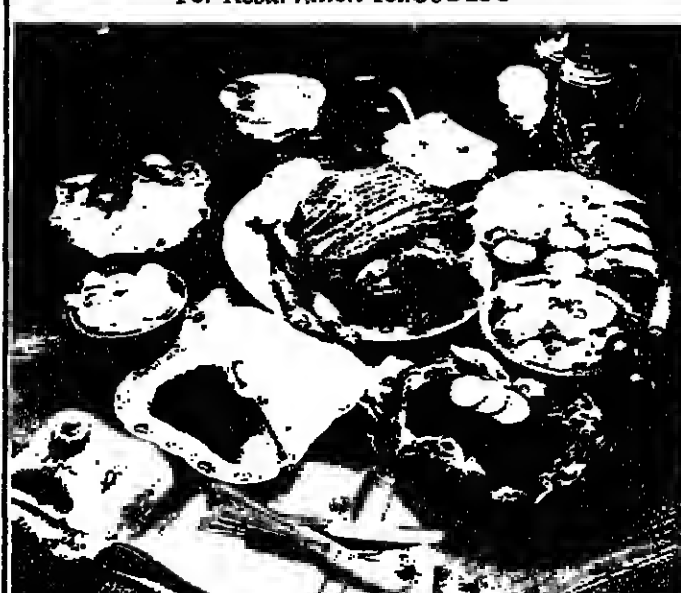
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McEnroe aces beat Krishnan in Atlanta tennis tournament

ATLANTA (R) — John McEnroe aces two consecutive second serves to pull out of danger and beat Ramesh Krishnan of India 6-1, 7-5 in a second-round match of a \$375,000 Men's Tennis Tournament here Thursday night.

Top-seeded McEnroe will face fellow American Tim Mayotte, the sixth seed, in the quarter-finals of the WCT Atlanta Championships. Mayotte defeated Ken Flach of the U.S. 6-3, 6-3.

In another second-round match, third-seeded Pat Cash of Australia beat Leif Shiras of the U.S. 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

Krishnan, after dropping a quick 21-minute first set, drew even at 5-5 in the second, but then McEnroe produced the aces.

"When we got close, he was able to come up with a better shot," said Krishnan. "I guess that's why he's number one."

"I thought I hit the ball very well," said McEnroe, who wound up the match in one hour and 13 minutes.

Cash broke Shiras' serve in the first game of the second set and then held on for the match.

"I was a little nervous to start off with," said Cash. "I don't know why. It took me a set to get into it."

But the Australian added: "I'm getting better every match."

In another second-round match, Mike Leach took 2½ hours to beat fellow American Steve Denton 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (4-7), 6-2.

Leach said: "After the second tiebreaker I switched sides and said I can't believe I'm still out here battling with this guy. I was beat up. It seemed like we had been out here an eternity — and we're at scratch."

Denton failed to capitalise on three break points at 1-2 in the final set. Leach held his serve, then broke Denton in the next game.

"Had he broken me, it could have been the exact opposite," said Leach, who upset seventh-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden in the first round.

Irish Olympian runs year's fastest 5,000m

PHILADELPHIA (R) — Irish Olympian Marcus O'Sullivan, overcoming a reaction to a measles vaccination that had left him feeling dizzy in the morning, Thursday night ran the fastest 5,000 metres in the world this year at the Penn relays athletics meet here.

The 23-year-old O'Sullivan passed former Villanova University teammate Sydney Maree with about 300 metres to go and won in 13 minutes, 33.0 seconds. The previous best this year was 13:35.12 by American Brian Carlton.

Another world best this year was posted by American Keith Brantly. He ran the 10,000 metres in 28 minutes, 14.0 seconds, bettering a 28:14.48 run by Yutaka Kanai of Japan.

In the 5,000, the South African-born Maree, who became a U.S. citizen last year, was second in 13:37.4. He led most of the race, clocking a very fast 4:13.4

for the first 1,600 metres. Kenyan Olympian Joseph Nzau was third in 13:37.5. O'Sullivan, who calls Cork, Ireland, his home but currently resides in Wayne, Pennsylvania, got a vaccination last week because of a measles epidemic at Villanova.

"I went for a run this morning and felt nauseous," he said. "I think there's a reaction about nine days after the shot. I felt really bad and was talking about spending the afternoon in bed."

However, he went for another run in the late afternoon and decided to compete.

O'Sullivan, who ran in the 800 and 1,500 metre races at the Los Angeles Olympics, said competing in the 5,000 would help his strength for the mile.

"I'll run one more 5,000 this spring, and then run the mile — faster, I hope," he said.

His previous best in the 5,000 was 13:51.1.

Borg-McEnroe match called greatest of last 20 years

NORWALK, Connecticut (R) — Bjorn Borg's five-set victory over John McEnroe in the 1980 Wimbledon final has been ranked as the greatest tennis match of the last 20 years by Tennis Magazine.

The Borg-McEnroe match, which Borg won 1-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7, 8-6, headed a list of the 20 greatest matches in the magazine's special 20th anniversary section in its May issue.

Ken Rosewall's triumph over Rod Laver in the final of the WCT finals in 1972 was named the second best match, followed by Margaret Court's victory over Billie Jean King in the 1970 Wimbledon women's final.

Rounding out the top 10 greatest matches of the last 20 years were, in order, Arthur Ashe's victory over Jimmy Connors in the 1975 Wimbledon final, Pancho Gonzalez's defeat of Charlie Pasarell in the first round of the 1969 Wimbledon tournament (which Gonzalez won 2-2, 2-4, 1-6, 16-14, 6-3, 11-9), Borg's win over Vitas Gerulaitis in the 1977 Wimbledon semifinals, King's victory over Bobby Riggs in the 1973 "Battle of the sexes", Stan Smith's defeat of Ilie Nastase in the 1972 Wimbledon final, King's triumph over Evonne Coolidge in the 1974 U.S. Open final and Connors' defeat of Borg in the 1976 U.S. Open final.

Torres to fall in 6, says Chang

SEOUL (R) — Mexican German Torres makes his third attempt to win the World Boxing Council (WBC) light-flyweight title when he challenges South Korea's Chang Jung-Koo over 12 rounds here Saturday.

The hard-hitting Mexican lost a points decision to Chang in September 1983, two years after his first title bid ended in failure against Panamanian Hilario Zapata.

At 27, Torres remains a dangerous oponent, but Chang, who is making his sixth defence of the light-flyweight crown he took from Zapata in March 1983, appears to have the edge in skill and speed.

The Mexican's record of 48 wins, 40 inside the distance, seven defeats and one draw does not impress the 22-year-old champion. "I know Torres is powerful, but he is too slow. I can dodge any of his punches. I will knock him out in the sixth round," predicted Chang.

But Torres, who is based in Japan, remains confident his third title bid will end in triumph. "I am sure of victory."

Chang, who has had 27 bouts since turning professional in 1980, has a record of 26 victories, 12 inside the distance.

Kuwait defeats N.Yemen

SANA'A (R) — Kuwait beat North Yemen 3-1 (halftime 2-0) in an Asian Group two, Sub-Group 2A World Cup soccer qualifying match Friday.

Scorers: Kuwait — Fahad Al Hasawi (first and third) Faisal Al Dakheil, North Yemen — Abdul Nasser Abbas.

Both Kuwait and North Yemen were earlier knocked out of the running, with Syria, the third member of the sub-group, moving forward to the next stage.

Anglo-Italian showdown in European Cup final

LONDON (R) — Holders Liverpool and Juventus Turin will meet Wednesday night to decide the 30th European Champions' Cup final.

Everton's astonishing success story continued when they came from behind to beat Bayern Munich 3-1 and stretch their unbeaten run to 24 games in their semifinal second-leg at Goodison.

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Apart from the final outcome of their ties, both Liverpool and Juventus will be equally pleased none of their star names will be missing in Brussels because of suspension.

Scots Kenny Dalglish, Alan Hansen and Kevin MacDonald were among six Liverpool players cautioned earlier in the competition and another yellow card in Athens would have meant automatic suspension.

But the veiled threats which have been emanating from the Panathinaikos' camp over the past fortnight came to nothing and the tie passed off peacefully.

Juventus, too, were relieved to see French scorer Michel Platini and World Cup midfielder Marco Tardelli emerge unscathed in Bordeaux — although six other players were cautioned in a torrid 90 minutes.

While the Italians will probably start narrow favourites to lift the trophy in Brussels, just as Roma did against Liverpool last season, Juventus will not have forgotten how they fell apart in the 1983 final against Hamburg in Athens.

That was the second occasion Juventus have finished runners-up — they lost to Ajax in 1973 — while Liverpool have triumphed on all four previous appearances.

Tanzanians may find goals rationed in cup clash with Egypt's National

NAIROBI (R) — Free-scoring Simba Sports Club may find their goal ration strictly limited when they face holders National of Egypt in an African Cup Winners' Cup second round soccer tie in Tanzania this weekend.

Simba outclassed Ethiopia's Eritra shoes factory 5-0 at home in the first round, with international forward Zamboni Mogella scoring a first-half hat-trick.

But National, who beat Canon de Yaounde 4-2 on penalties last December to win the trophy at the first bid, will provide much tougher opposition in the fight for a quarter final spot.

National's defensive prowess is manifest in the dilemma coach Mahmoud El Sayes faces each time he picks a goalkeeper — he

can choose from Ahmed Shoubir, Ikrami El Shahat and Thabet El Batal — all Egyptian internationals.

Add defenders Rabei Yassin and Mahmoud Saleh, midfielders Magdi Abdel Ghani and Alaa Mayhoub and forwards Mustafa Abdou and Mahmoud El Khatib and it is easy to understand why National have been Africa's most successful club in recent years.

Besides their Cup Winners' Cup triumph, they won the more prestigious Champions' Cup in 1982 and were runners up to Ghana's Asante Kotoko the following year.

El Khatib, who returned to action in March after a three-month absence through injury, is the man Simba must contain if they hope to build a commanding lead.

"Bibo" made a spectacular return, creating National's first goal against Tunisia's As le Marsa within 60 seconds of coming on as a substitute in Cairo. He also scored with a vicious volley in a 4-0 triumph.

Fixtures are: Mufulira Wanderers (Zambia) v AFC Leopards (Kenya), FC 105 (Gabon) v El Nasr (Libya), Dragons Oueme (Benin) v Dihepi Nkam (Cameroon), Kampala City Council (Uganda) v Gweru United Zimbabwe, Simba SC (Tanzania) v National SC (Egypt), Jeanne d'Arc (Senegal) v Mouloudia Petrol Oran (Algeria), As Fosa (Togo) v Asante Kotoko (Ghana), Leventis United (Nigeria) v Horoya (Guinea).

Return matches will be played between May 10-12.

Seeded Maleeva ousted in quarterfinals

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida (R) — Second seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria lost Thursday but her unseeded younger sister Katerina advanced to the semi-finals of the \$200,000 women's tennis tournament of champions.

Manuela, 18, was defeated by sixth-seeded American Bonnie Gadusek 6-4, 6-2. Katerina, 15, beat Anna Maria Cecchini of Italy 6-2, 6-2.

In another quarter-final, top-seeded Martina Navratilova beat fellow American Debbie Spence 6-1, 6-4. She next faces third-seeded Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of West Germany, who beat fifth-seeded Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Gadusek beat the Elder Maleeva by playing aggressively, hitting the ball hard and rushing the net whenever possible.

"I lost a match recently when I didn't hit the ball hard and I choked," Gadusek said. "I never want to lose to someone playing like that again."

Manuela Maleeva said: "I can't remember when I've had so many game points. I couldn't win them and everything was going wrong today. Everything was an inch or two out."

In the semi-finals Gadusek will meet Katerina, who made fewer errors in a baseline battle with Cecchini.

Navratilova lost just 10 points in her opening set, which lasted only 24 minutes.

But in the second set, she failed to convert a match point while serving at 5-3 and squandered a couple more at 5-4 before beating Spence 6-4.

"She played better in the second set," said Navratilova. "I had to earn the points."

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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| One sterling | 1.1975/85 | U.S. dollars |
| One U.S. dollar | 1.3665/75 | Canadian dollars |
| | 1.520/40 | West German marks |
| | 3.5670/700 | Dutch guilders |
| | 2.6320/50 | Swiss francs |
| | 63.40/50 | Belgian francs |
| | 9.6350/6450 | French francs |
| | 2011/2014 | Italian lire |
| | 252.70/85 | Japanese yen |
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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities ended the last day of the account firm but below their best levels with major exporters easing back as sterling rallied, dealers said. The market shrugged off news of the record £900 million trade deficit in March which was worse than expected.

The FTSE 100 share index at 1430 GMT was up 3.5 at 1293.0. ICI was 5p higher at 744, having touched 747, recouping some of Thursday's losses on its lower than expected first quarter results. Blue Circle gained 18p to 518 on further consideration of Thursday's annual figures which were above forecasts.

Gold shares were generally firm and North Americans mixed. Government bonds reversed initial 1/4 point losses as sterling recovered and domestic money rates eased.

B.P. and Shell both gained 18p on U.S. demand at 563 and 743 respectively. In mixed banks, Midland was 8p down at 344 after news that its 58 per cent owned Crocker National group may need additional provision to cover losses.

Debenhams firm 8p to 263 on continued bid speculation with Burton, down 18p at 468, rumoured as a candidate, dealers said. Habitat Mothercare denied it planned a bid for Debenhams.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1985

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Until shortly after noon this Saturday you have a good chance to attend to the errands and the shopping that is not done during the busy week.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Cooperate with kin in getting home conditions improved and all in fine order, then you can gad about town in the evening.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Get busy at Saturday routines and buy items you have long been looking for, and then the evening can be delightful at home.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Early handle any left-over business details in the morning, and in the evening you can visit with friends or relations.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Go ahead with whatever you have in mind for health and appearance improvement, which will turn out well.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Many a personal task can be done today, so get busy early and make improvements on such, then join with friends later.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A fine day for enjoying the company of good friends at social affairs, but the evening must be reserved for the one you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) First get busy at the tasks for which you have had little time during the busy week, then pursue personal goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Formulate some plan early, and then carry through with it and test it on the public tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A good day to handle those problems you have found difficult to solve ere this.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Take time to come to a fine agreement with your partners early and tonight show them your appreciation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A fine morning to organize your tasks so that they become easier to handle. Take any health treatments and exercise needed.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A good day for enjoying amusements that most please you. Then you can handle duties in the evening.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be attached to home and kin during childhood and may find it difficult to communicate with other children. Upon reaching adulthood, however, your progeny will suddenly become extroverted and will strive to be more popular and get wealthy. Give a good education.

THE Daily Crossword by William Landis

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- Blind as —
- Prosperous period
- A bit open
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- Graco or Marti
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- Do something
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- They give up
- Slit
- Long unused
- Go bed
- Randall or
- Marlin
- Feathers in one's cap
- Ventilator
- Got a
- Secret
- Blind food
- Essex
- Range riders
- Reveille man
- Car race
- Slit
- A fury
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- Do all
- Melville novel
- Ornament
- Pound or Stone
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- Pipe joint
- November
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- Extend an option
- College sites
- Actor Flynn
- Postman's round
- Man the helm
- Piping
- Swivel
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- Vases
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- Tibetan priest
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- Roofing tool
- Wax
- Despot
- Paraglider
- Roman bronze

Chinese peasants opt for cash crops

PEKING (R) — Watermelon and tobacco fields are uprooting rice and wheat plantings as China's 800 million peasants divert their energies and land to growing lucrative cash crops.

An Agriculture Ministry official quoted by China Daily said Friday that Peking expects farmers will plant 2.5 million hectares (six million acres) less grain this year.

Switching from rice and wheat — the staples that have fed China's millions for centuries — has Peking's blessing as the country revamps farming.

The official said the state would not interfere with the farmers' planting schedules this year under any circumstances, "though we have advised them not to neglect grain production."

Planners hope that, despite the expected cut of more than two per cent in grain fields, higher yields will offset the potential 15 million tonne loss in production.

Some foreign agricultural experts in Peking said they believed this was feasible, given good-weather conditions. But one diplomat

said he saw the news as encouraging for countries trying to sell grain to China.

Thanks to bumper grain and cotton harvests in the past few years, planners can press ahead with the restructuring, the unnamed agriculture official was quoted as saying.

"What we hope to get from this laissez-faire policy is a more rational structuring of our agricultural production, which has overemphasised grain in the past decade."

Only about 11 per cent of China's 9.5 million square kilometre area is cultivated. The official said nearly all main grain-producing provinces have sharply cut land devoted to grain this year.

Sichuan was cutting back by over half a million hectares (1.2 million acres), more than five per cent of its total grain-growing land.

The official said the 1985 national grain production target was 405 million tonnes — two million short of 1984's record harvest.

IWC forecasts record world wheat crop

LONDON (R) — A record world wheat crop of 520 million tonnes this year was forecast by the International Wheat Council (IWC) on the basis of initial forecasts for major producing countries.

It said in its latest market report that yield prospects for winter wheat in the northern hemisphere appeared to be above average and spring sowing conditions were generally better than last year.

As the harvest in many countries was still some months away

and sowing had not started in others, the IWC cautioned that the forecast was necessarily tentative.

In 1984 world wheat production reached a record 519 million tonnes, according to latest IWC figures.

The IWC said it was still forecasting a record for world wheat in 1985 of 520 million tonnes in the year to the end of June 1985. This compared with 99.9 million tonnes in 1983-84.

Japan, Soviets agree on new fishery cooperation

TOKYO (AP) — A new bilateral fishery cooperation agreement between Japan and the Soviet Union will allow Japanese fishermen to catch salmon and sea trout in the northwestern Pacific outside the Soviet's 320 kilometre economic waters. Fishery Agency official said Friday.

Katsuro Kawabuchi, an official of the agency's International Affairs Division, said the agreement was reached Thursday in Moscow. The latest agreement will replace the 1978 accord that expired at the end of last year.

The talks that began March 31 were the sixth in a series held alternately in Tokyo and Moscow since last May to conclude a new fishery accord for catching salmon and trout, Mr. Kawabuchi said.

Mr. Kawabuchi said this year's fish quotas allotted to Japan, its fishing duration and the "cooperation expenses" paid by Japan to aid the Soviet fishing industry would be negotiated after the two countries initial the new agreement in a few days.

Last year, Japan paid 4.25 billion yen (\$16.8 million U.S.) to the Soviet Union as a "fishery cooperation" fee.

Japanese fishermen were all-owed a catch quota of 40,000 tons of salmon on the high seas in 1984.

Takehiro Togo, deputy director general of the Foreign Ministry's European and Oceanic Bureau, headed the seven-member Japanese delegation, while Vyacheslav K. Zivanov, chief of the Foreign Relations and General Supply Administration of the Soviet Fishing Industry Ministry, represented the Soviet Union, the official said.

Last June the Soviet Union notified Japan that it would terminate the six-year-old agreement and wanted to ban all salmon fishing in the northern Pacific.

The Soviets took this action after it had signed an international sea treaty that stated that, with minor exceptions, nations have fishing jurisdiction over their territorial waters.

Mr. Kawabuchi said in a telephone interview that throughout the negotiations, Moscow contended it has legal jurisdiction over Salmon because the salmon spawn in Soviet rivers, according to the sea treaty. Japan wanted the former accord to remain basically intact, he said.

De Clercq: Stable dollar needed for international trade reform

BRUSSELS (R) — Reform of the world's monetary system to prevent erratic movements in the U.S. dollar should go hand in hand with any moves for further international trade liberalisation, a senior member of the European Commission said.

But Willy de Clercq, the external relations commissioner, said the European Community was not putting this demand as a precondition for opening a new round of talks under GATT, the world trade regulating agency, to break down remaining barriers.

He told Reuters in an interview that progress in the monetary and trade fields, which is expected to figure high on the agenda at next week's Bonn Economic Summit, should move in parallel if the

U.S.-proposed new GATT round were to succeed.

He said the other conditions for success were:

— A strong stand by the Reagan administration against mounting protectionist pressures within the United States.

— A greater effort by Japan to fit into the world trading system by opening up its markets to foreign products.

— Giving developing countries access to the markets of ind-

ustrialised states which was promised under a programme agreed by GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) in 1982 but has yet to be implemented.

Mr. De Clercq praised the newly-declared American willingness to open talks on monetary reform which he has long advocated, first as chairman of the International Monetary Fund's policymaking interim committee and as a European commissioner since January.

"We have to put an end to the erratic movements of currencies, such as the dollar in which the bulk of world trade is denominated," he said. "It is not a healthy situation when a major currency can move up or down by up to 25 per

cent within a couple of days."

Diplomats said Mr. De Clercq's ideas were shared by European Commission President Jacques Delors, one of the eight leaders who will take part in the May 2-4 Bonn summit.

U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker agreed in principle to hold talks on monetary reform during a meeting of Western finance ministers in Paris earlier this month and repeated this Thursday. But he said a new GATT round should be called without preconditions.

The U.S., supported by Japan, is proposing that the new GATT round, expected to be known as the Brussels round, should open in the Middle of next year and diplomats here expect that a tentative date will be agreed in Bonn.

Panama's banking boom goes bust

PANAMA CITY — The skyline of Panama City is made up largely of modern bank buildings. Yet as the evening sun catches the spectacular modern glass fronts, an uncomfortable secret is revealed. Not all the office space is let.

Two of the biggest office developments in Panama City have failed to find clients, except for the limited space occupied by their promoters. The banking boom in Panama is over and local bankers are wondering when it will acquire a new lease of life.

Banking, financial services, and real estate account for 7 per cent of Panama's gross domestic product and employ directly 9,000 people, out of a workforce of 670,000. Thus the health of the industry is of great importance to the economy both for its direct and indirect impact.

A study by the Panamanian Tourist Institute in 1982 showed that one airport arrival in four was connected with banking business.

The current difficulties of the financial sector partially reflect the recession that has affected the whole of Latin America since 1981. Yet they are also a consequence of a cool reassessment of the role of Panama as a regional financial capital by a number of traditional users of this offshore centre.

Before 1970 there were only 21 banks operating in Panama. By 1980, the number had risen to 107, and since then it has moved above 120. During the decade, assets of the banking system grew at an annual average of 40 per cent, with the growth of offshore business almost double that of the domestic market.

Panama was extremely successful in attracting regional business, so that over two-thirds of all activity became offshore.

The attractions were the use of the dollar (the balboa is equivalent to the U.S. dollar); the lack of controls; the longstanding presence of major U.S. institutions, which helped create a pool of experienced staff; good support facilities, which grew up because of the American presence in the canal zone; the implicit stability flowing from the U.S. strategic commitment to the Canal; the geographical location of the cou-

ntry; and strict bank secrecy.

Latin American deposits

The bulk of deposits attracted by the offshore business came from within Latin America; the boom in Panamanian banking owed much to the artificially high values of many Latin American currencies against the dollar from 1975 to 1981.

The massive flight of capital from such countries was partially captured by Panama — some local bankers believe it attracted around 15 per cent of this capital flight. In turn over 85 per cent of offshore lending was to Latin American countries.

Since 1982, offshore business has not merely stagnated but fallen.

Deposits have been removed. Loans outstanding at the end of 1984 were down by \$4 billion to \$20 billion, from end-1983. In two years, offshore lending fell by almost one-third.

Bankers say that funds have been moved out of Panama, mainly to the U.S. where interest rates and commissions have been more competitive.

A number of banks have decided to relocate part of their Latin American loan portfolios previously based in Panama so as to manage the risk more closely. This has been particularly the case with Colombian banks, the largest national banking presence in Panama after the U.S.

The Colombian banks were obliged to assume direct responsibility for their Panamanian affiliates' Latin American portfolios after concern arose among international banks that these portfolios were overexposed. Indeed, this has been one of the stipulations by the international commercial banks in their talks about fresh loans to Colombia.

It is now understood that the Colombian banks are prepared to assume direct responsibility for some \$1.5 billion of doubtful loans made by their Panamanian affiliates.

A few banks have decided that the combined effects of rising costs and the growing importance

of Miami have made their continued presence in Panama of marginal worth.

Security Pacific has withdrawn, Libra International has closed down, and Toronto Dominion has given up its international licence. But others still feel it worthwhile to establish themselves, like Universal Bank of Uruguay.

On the domestic banking side, Chase has cut its retail operations, while Citibank has moved to concentrate on corporate clients.

Newcomers have found the going tough, especially those who decided to take advantage of regulations which permitted a bank's buildings to be treated favourably under its capital requirements. (This lay behind many of the modern office blocks in Panama City).

The most conspicuous casualty is Spain's Banco Exterior, its building is the largest and most elaborate block in town, yet it has stood three quarters empty since it was completed 18 months ago.

Illegal drug funds

The decline in offshore bank business would have been greater had Panama not begun to attract in the past 12 months a larger amount of illegal drug funds — the so-called "narco dollars". The tightening up of regulations and surveillance in the Caribbean offshore centres, as a result of U.S. pressure, has led to more illegal funds coming to Panama to take advantage of its strict secrecy rules.

As a result of this influx, the U.S. government has begun to apply discreet pressure on the

Panamanian authorities. President Nicolas Ardito Barletta said recently: "Panama will never cede on bank secrecy — never." This is guaranteed under the 1970 banking laws. However, Sr. Ardito Barletta did say that he was prepared to cooperate with the U.S. government in tightening up on the inflow of drug funds.

So far, Panama has refused to sign those parts of the Reagan administration's Caribbean Basin Initiative relating to financial disclosure which permits the signatory to attract U.S. convention business (convention costs held in such signatory countries are tax deductible in the U.S.).

However, Sr. Ardito Barletta, himself a former banker, is acutely conscious of the need for a clean image for Panama's banking business. As a result, he has begun to take a tough line towards banking irregularity.

Early last month he ordered the banking commission to intervene in the affairs of the First Inter American Bank, which has assets of \$28 million. This was the first time such action had been taken in Panama.

The authorities moved in after the president had told the national assembly he would not tolerate laundered funds in Panama. The bank is understood to have Colombian assets as its main shareholders.

The banking community is now waiting to see whether more such actions — involving a licence being revoked, while the authorities partially guarantee small depositors' interests — will follow, or whether this was a token move — Financial Times news feature.

BA expands Concorde fleet to meet demand

LONDON (R) — British Airways (BA) expanded its fleet of supersonic Concorde airliners by one to meet demand for flights on the plane that once seemed destined to become a huge financial flop.

A spokesman said the extra plane, which raises the number in the fleet to seven, had been "mothballed" three years ago as a potential source for spares.

The Anglo-French plane, developed at a cost of \$2.5 billion, went into service nine years ago only to be overtaken by rising oil prices and recession.

However, it has found a new lease of life on the profitable routes between London and the United States and in the expanding charter business.

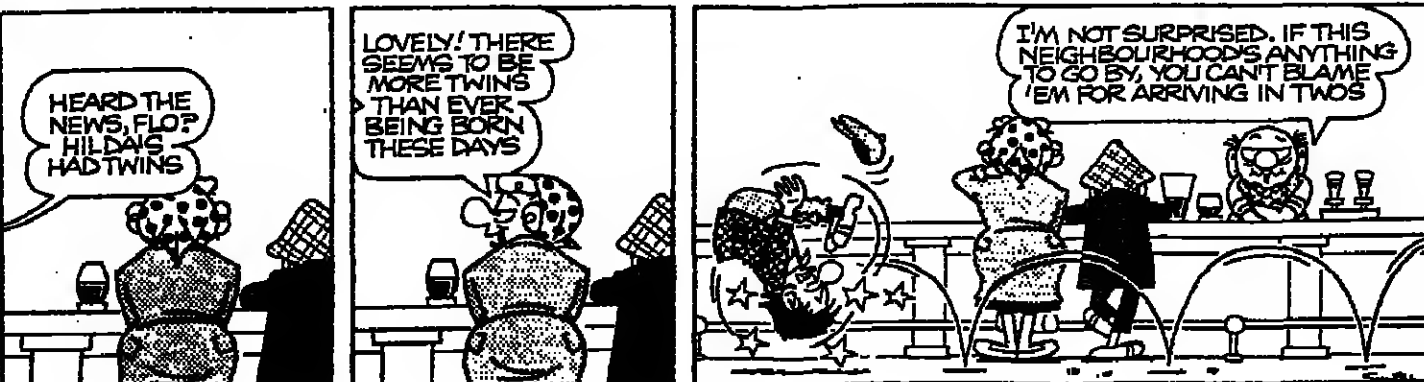
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U.S. goals in C. America same as those in Vietnam, Shultz says

WASHINGTON (R) — The Reagan administration, which has shied away from comparisons between U.S. involvement in Vietnam and its role in central America, now says there is a parallel — and that the policy was right in both places.

While restating the intention to avoid direct U.S. military involvement in Central America, Secretary of State George Shultz said Thursday U.S. goals there were the same as in Vietnam — democracy, economic progress and security against aggression.

In a toughly worded speech one day after the House of Representatives denied President Reagan's request for aid for rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist government, Mr. Shultz said: "Broken promises, Communist dictatorship, refugees, widened Soviet influence, this time no our very borders. Here is your parallel between Vietnam and Central America."

"We acted under many illusions

during the Vietnam period, which events of 1975 (when Saigon fell) should have dispelled. We have no excuse for falling prey to the same illusions again."

Despite the House vote, the White House said President Reagan would continue to seek aid for the rebels.

Until Thursday the Reagan administration had avoided comparison between Central America and Vietnam because of public fears that the United States might be dragged into another guerrilla war.

"There is no comparison with Vietnam," Reagan told a press conference in July last year. But on Thursday Mr. Shultz

declared that the critics of U.S. policy in Central America included some of those who had failed to foresee the dire consequences of Communist rule in South Vietnam.

During the Vietnam war, he said, there had been heard "an endless and shifting sequence of apologies for the Communists."

Urging that this past experience should be kept in mind, he told an audience of State Department employees: "The litany of apology for Communists, and condemnation for America and our friends, is beginning again."

He said economic aid had to be backed up by military assistance, adding: "Escapism about the realities of power and security — that is a pretty good definition of isolationism."

Mr. Shultz said Vietnam is seeking control over all of Indochina. He said Laos had been taken over by Communists loyal to Hanoi and the Vietnamese were

occupying Kampuchea and threatening Thailand.

"Hanoi's leaders are thus extending their rule to the full boundaries of the former colonial domain, seeking dominion over all of Indochina," he said.

"What does all this mean?" he asked. "Events since 1975 shed light on the past: This horror was precisely what we were trying to prevent."

The morality of U.S. intervention in Vietnam, he said, "must now be clear."

Mr. Shultz said the Soviet base at Vietnam's Cam Ranh Bay was the centre of the largest concentration of Soviet naval units outside the Soviet Union.

He said Moscow, with naval and air bases at the former U.S. base at Cam Ranh Bay, was only better able to project its power in the Pacific, South East Asian and Indian Ocean regions, and to threaten Western lines of communication.



WARSAW PACT SUMMIT: Polish Premier Jacek Jaruzelski (left) with the Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev after the latter's arrival at Warsaw airport Thursday to attend Warsaw Pact summit (AP wirephoto)

Bandung meeting ends with attacks on arms race, Israel and South Africa

BANDUNG, Indonesia (R) — The Third World meeting here marking the 1955 Bandung Conference has ended with 80 nations united in attacking the arms race, and Indonesia scoring diplomatic coups, diplomats and delegates said.

Delegates at the meeting which ended Thursday unanimously called for a better deal for the world's poor and attacked Israel and South Africa.

Indonesia, which hosted the original Asia-Africa Conference, grabbed the opportunity to break the diplomatic ice with China.

They have been estranged since 1967 but President Suharto met Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian Thursday night.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja said the conference, with its nostalgia and grand Javanese ceremony, had proved that the spirit of Bandung was still the driving force of the developing world.

The 1955 conference, at which the flamboyant late President Sukarno brought together such leaders as Nehru, Nasser and Chou Enlai, spawned the Non-Aligned Movement.

Delegates endorsed a political

and economic declaration sharply attacking the superpowers for wasting money on the arms race. They demanded that the funds go to help the world's poor.

The two-day meeting ended on a sour note when Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan clashed over the guerrillas fighting Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Indonesia bolstered its position on the world stage by successfully choreographing the meeting, diplomats and delegates said.

Jakarta might now make a bid to host the next Non-Aligned summit since Iraq, previously chosen, is likely to bow out again because of its war with Iran, diplomats said.

The final declaration was considerably watered down to marshal total Third World agreement, particularly on international conflicts. It mentioned Namibia and Palestine but carefully avoided Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war or Kampuchea although their representatives were present.

The 19-point declaration paid tribute to the Bandung Conference which hastened the independence of colonies of Britain, France, Portugal and the Netherlands.

The Asian and African delegates reserved their strongest condemnation for Israel and South Africa for what they described as brutal and racist policies.

They demanded Israel withdraw from all territory it occupies, and solidly backed the Namibian independence movement SWAPO as the South African-ruled territory's only legal representative.

The declaration strongly urged an end to the production and testing of nuclear weapons and called on the United States and the Soviet Union to continue talks to end the arms race.

"The arms race in outer space and the escalation of global military expenditures represent a wasteful diversion of funds that can be made available for development," it said.

It urged international measures to alleviate the crushing burden of the debt crisis on developing nations where "deprivation and abject poverty remained the daily plight of millions of people."

The delegations demanded a more balanced flow of information to preserve national and cultural interests.

Violence continues in South Africa as 16 face treason indictment

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Violence continued in South Africa as 16 leading opponents of apartheid appeared in court to face a 600-page indictment accusing them of sympathising with outlawed groups seeking to overthrow the minority white government.

A man died when a bomb exploded to a central Durban bar Thursday and police used teargas and birdshot to disperse crowds during more arson and stone-throwing incidents in other areas.

In Durban regional court, the 16 defendants who face charges of high treason, including the most senior leaders of the United Democratic Front (UDF), learned details of the lengthy indictment against them.

The indictment accuses them of backing what the state alleges is a "revolutionary alliance" formed by the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla group, the South African Communist Party and the South African Council of Trade Unions.

It said the final goal of the alliance was to seize power in South Africa under ANC command.

The indictments were presented during an application for bail by the accused.

Defence lawyers have complained that unless bail is granted the defendants could spend two years in jail while the case is heard.

Police said the man killed in Durban worked for the city corporation. His legs were ripped from his body in the blast which shook surrounding buildings.

A spokesman said it was unclear whether the dead man had been

carrying the bomb or whether he had picked it up while working in the park.

Meanwhile South African opposition leader Frederik van Zyl Slabbert has offered to act as a go-between to arrange talks between President P.W. Botha and the exiled leader of the outlawed African National Congress, Oliver Tambo.

His offer follows a reported statement by Mr. Tambo that he would be willing to discuss a new constitution extending democracy to South Africa's 22 million blacks.

Mr. Slabbert told the South African Press Association news agency: "I implore President Botha and his government not to dismiss Mr. Tambo's offer out of hand."

The Liberal opposition leader added: "I offer to act as a go-between President Botha and Mr. Tambo to establish whether there is a way of peace and negotiation."

"In this way there will be no strings attached and neither President Botha nor Mr. Tambo need feel compromised."

"I am willing to meet Mr. Tambo as soon as possible and wherever it is convenient."

"However, such a meeting will only have real negotiating significance if both Mr. Tambo and the president are willing to accept the role of a go-between in order to explore the possibility of future negotiations," Mr. Slabbert said.

Mr. Tambo was reported in the Washington Post newspaper to have said he would be willing to hold talks.

Chun pledges pursuit of dialogue with North

WASHINGTON (R) — South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan has pledged to pursue energetically talks with Communist North Korea to reduce tension on the divided peninsula.

In speeches at a dinner given by Vice President George Bush, both men touched on topics expected to be the main subjects of talks between Mr. Chun and President Reagan late Friday.

Mr. Chun promised serious efforts in talks on trade and family reunification with the North due to start next month. "Because I am convinced that peace is the key to our life,"

"I will take the initiative in seeking South-North dialogue with patience and magnanimity until North Korea finally realises that negotiation is the only way of resolving problems between the two parts of Korea, rather than by military confrontation," he said.

Mr. Bush said that by the end of this century, "I believe your high level of defence preparedness and our unswerving commitment to your security will have caused the leaders of North Korea to move towards a satisfactory resolution of the tragic division of your country."

Mr. Bush also said that by that time, "I believe your efforts for political liberalisation and national harmony will long have solidified the habits of democracy in your country."

Mr. Chun did not refer in his speech to the political situation at home, but Mr. Bush's comments reflected the continued U.S. pressure for progress towards full democracy in South Korea.

A senior U.S. official Thursday praised recent moves towards that goal, in particular last February's elections to the National Assembly which saw opposition gains.

Tamil guerrilla attack kills policeman

COLOMBO (R) — A policeman was killed and another was wounded when Tamil separatist guerrillas attacked a police station in Sri Lanka's north western province, police said Friday.

An officer said the guerrillas hurled bombs and sprayed rifle fire into the post at Nikaweraiya, about 40 kilometres from the

main town of Kurunegala, Thursday night.

It was the first attack against police in a predominantly Sinhalese area by guerrillas fighting to set up an independent state in northern and eastern Sri Lanka for the Tamil minority, he added.

The guerrillas also raided a state bank in the same area Thursday.

Peru's Marxist contender quits race

LIMA (R) — Marxist presidential contender Alfonso Barrantes has announced his withdrawal from a scheduled run-off election, paving the way for Social Democrat Alan Garcia to become Peru's leader in July.

Mr. Barrantes, mayor of Lima, told a news conference he had taken the decision to overcome juridical and political instability. It follows a Maoist guerrilla attack in which the president of Peru's electoral board, Domingo Garcia Rada, was critically wounded.

Mr. Barrantes and Mr. Garcia won most votes in the nine-man presidential election on April 14, with Mr. Garcia the front runner.

Mr. Barrantes said the 10-member executive committee of the United Left Coalition approved his decision.

Mr. Barrantes won about 23 per cent of the vote and Mr. Garcia about 47 per cent in the April 14

poll, according to unofficial counts. A run-off between the two top candidates is mandatory under Peru's constitution if the frontrunner fails to win an outright majority.

The official news agency Andina earlier quoted Chamber of Deputies President Elias Mendoza as saying a coalition of parties planned to introduce legislation which would cancel the run-off.

Mr. Barrantes' announcement ended the strongest Marxist electoral bid in Latin America since Salvador Allende won the Chilean presidency in 1970.

Outgoing conservative President Fernando Belaunde Terry declined to comment on Mr. Barrantes' decision.

The attack, blamed on Maoist Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas, was the first rebel assassination attempt on a senior official to the capital.

Mr. Barrantes condemned the attack, saying:

"Those who believe that these actions will weaken and frighten the Peruvian Democrats, are deeply wrong ... Peru profoundly wants life, not death: Peace, not violence: Food, not hunger: Freedom and not authoritarian dictatorships."

More than 6,000 people have died in Sendero's five-year campaign. The rebels had vowed to disrupt the electoral process, saying it was a farce to keep the rich in power.

They denounced Mr. Barrantes' United Left as too weak to wipe out the elite and control the armed forces, which last ruled Peru between 1968 and 1980.

Mr. Garcia, the candidate of the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA), welcomed Mr. Barrantes' decision.

Allies invited to Moscow's victory parade

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union has said it had invited its Western wartime allies to attend a military parade to commemorate the defeat of Nazi Germany and accused Washington of falsifying the history of the period.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Vladimir Lomeiko gave details of the ceremonies at a news conference where he also read a letter from Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev to mark the link-up of U.S. and Soviet troops on the Elbe River 40 years ago Thursday.

Soviet plans for the May 9 anniversary have posed a dilemma for the Western wartime allies. They are anxious to avoid endorsing the Soviet version of post-war events, mainly directed against Washington, and recently West Germany.

Mr. Lomeiko said Soviet ceremonies would include a military parade through Red Square and invitations had been sent to the allies who participated in the anti-Hitler coalition.

This was the first official word of the event, which was rehearsed by the Soviet army at night last week.

Spokesmen for the U.S., British and French embassies said they

were not aware of any such invitations.

Answering questions, Mr. Lomeiko repeated Moscow's view that the role of the Soviet Union was a decisive factor in the victory, that it suffered the greatest casualties and shouldered the greatest burden of victory.

He contrasted the Western view of the war with that of Moscow and the Soviet Bloc countries, which he said viewed it "as the victory over barbarism and enslavement."

"Some participants, in particular the United States, are trying to reassess their own position and the results of the war ... distorting the role of the Soviet Union in the war," he said.

President Reagan's planned visit to a West German cemetery where elite Nazi SS troops are buried reflected the different U.S. assessment of history, he added.

Mr. Lomeiko spoke of his own feelings after experiencing the war as a boy in wartime Leningrad and added:

"It is horrible to think that there is a gap in memories because of chicanery and various excuses that are being put forward to forget the

common past and to commit to oblivion the memory of our soldiers."

Mr. Lomeiko said Western countries were looking for "irrelevant excuses" if they had qualms about attending Moscow's ceremonies and he denied that the celebrations were directed against West Germany.

Quoting Moscow's wartime dictator Josef Stalin, he said the Russians had fought to liberate the German people from fascism.

"We did not fight the German people ... we fought the Nazi invaders," he said.

Soviet official statements echo a huge campaign in the state mass media linked with the victory anniversary that alleges a revival of militarism and territorial ambition in West Germany said to be encouraged by the United States.

Officials frequently compare the installation of U.S. Pershing-2 missiles in West Germany to Hitler's military preparations before World War II.

Mr. Lomeiko also repeated the Soviet view that the lessons of the war should convince the West of the necessity of accepting Soviet nuclear disarmament proposals.

Unhappy Chinese exiles hold protest in Peking

PEKING (R) — Hundreds of people banished from Peking to the countryside by Mao Tseung almost 20 years ago have made their way back to the city to beseech local authorities for permission to return home permanently.

"This is our last resort after all else has failed," a tired-looking woman in her mid-30s said. "Please do not talk with us for too long," another protester urged as the police photographers approached.

The peasants, workers and even some officials from Shanxi towns and villages are part of a 600-strong group that arrived in Peking on Sunday.

They were enthusiastic secondary school graduates in 1968 when Mao sent them north with instructions to "learn from the poor and lower-middle peasants."

"We were young, we were naive," one woman said Friday. The modernising leadership under Mr. Deng has rejected the ideals of Mao's Cultural Revolution, but overcrowded big cities refuse to take back millions of former citizens.

The policemen took pictures while foreign journalists began talking with the crowd, who were reluctant to give their names.

"They (the authorities) have forgotten us," whispered a young man outside Peking Communist Party headquarters as two grim-faced uniformed policemen with cameras approached.

He was among about 250 people from the northern province of Shanxi who are on the fifth day of a sit-down protest under a banner reading "Comrade (Deng) Xiaoping save us."

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UNIFIL officer marries Lebanese

NABATIYEH, Lebanon (AP) — Maj. Jarma Rouhe, a Finnish officer with the U.N. peacekeeping force, says he plans to stay in this country with his Lebanese wife and take a civilian job when his term with the U.N. expires. The 45-year-old commander of a Finnish unit in southern Lebanon last week married Mariam Hammoud, 27, a Middle East Airlines stewardess from the village of Tibnin in a Shi'ite Muslim ceremony conducted by a Muslim clergyman. The couple said they will go to Finland next month for their honeymoon. They will return to Lebanon where Maj. Rouhe will serve the last few months of his tour with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

'Laughing' victim wins compensation

LONDON (R) — A British woman who cannot stop laughing after suffering brain damage in a car crash four years ago has been awarded damages of £120,000 (\$144,000) to the high court. Diane Smith, 27, suffered serious face and head injuries in the 1981 accident, causing her constantly to burst into uncontrollable fits of laughter. Her former landlady, who was driving the car when it crashed, admitted in court that the accident was her fault and was ordered to pay the damages.

Veteran throws artificial leg at women protesters

MELBOURNE (R) — Vietnam veteran Michael Lahey hurled his artificial leg at a group of women protesting against rape in war who tried to disrupt a parade honouring Australia's war dead. A tearful Lahey jumped on to a truck carrying the women, and waved the limb in desperation above the banners, then threw it at the women. He was helped away by police. In another incident police arrested a decorated World War II soldier who dropped his trousers in a Sydney street after women hurled abuse and accused him of being a rapist. The man, later released by police, said in a radio interview Friday that he had shown the women that a shell blast in 1939 had destroyed his genitals.

Siberian town named after Chernenko

MOSCOW (R) — A Western Siberian town, Moscow streets and buildings as well as a passenger ship are to be renamed after the late Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko. The official TASS News Agency said Friday the small town of Sharypovo, in the Krasnoyarsk region where he was born, will become Chernenko as will a frontier post where he served during World War II. A bust will be erected over Chernenko's grave in Red Square and nine scholarships awarded to various institutions. Friday's announcement said Chernenko's name also will be given to streets in Moscow suburbs and a district in Moldavia, where he studied and worked in the Communist youth organisation.

Princess Michael cries in public

LONDON (R) — Britain's Princess Michael, still shaken by a disclosure last week that her father had belonged to Hitler's SS, broke down in tears while thanking the British public for rallying round her. "It has not been an easy 10 days," the wife of Queen Elizabeth's cousin Prince Michael of Kent said at a luncheon. "I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the thousands of people who have written to me," she said, tears streaming down her face. The 450 people attending the doctors' luncheon, her first public speaking engagement since the scandal broke, gave her a standing ovation.

Two hanged for murder in Jamaica

KINGSTON (R) — Two convicted murderers have been hanged in Jamaica, bringing to five the number of executions on this Caribbean island over the last two weeks. Officials said Winston Da Silva and Reginald Redwood were hanged at St. Catherine District Prison for murders committed in 1982. Three other convicted murderers were hanged in Jamaica earlier this month.

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The bidding: South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♣ Pass 6 ♣ Pass
7 ♣ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠.

A dummy reversal is a simple but elegant way of scoring extra tricks. But you have to be careful about how you use your entries, or you might allow the opponents to score a ruff to defeat you.

Seven spades is an excellent contract, but not easy to reach. North bid optimistically to get there in quick time. He used Stayman to locate a 4-1 spade fit, then leaped to

Blackwood. After all the aces were located, his six clubs was the grand slam since he had two of the top three trump honors.

West led a trump, and declarer could count 11 tricks. The obvious way to develop the two tricks needed to fulfill the contract was by ruffing and, because of the entry situation, a dummy reversal was the recommended way to achieve his goal.

Declarer won the opening lead in dummy, cashed the ace-king of diamonds and ruffed a diamond high as West shuffled a heart. He returned to the table with a trump and ruffed another diamond high. Unfortunately, on this trick West shuffled his remaining heart, and now declarer had no way to get to the board to draw West's trumps. When he tried to cross with a heart, West ruffed for down one.

West's discard of a heart on the third diamond should have alerted declarer to the danger. Instead of using a trump to return to dummy, he should have crossed with a heart while West still had one. Then he could ruff a diamond high as West discarded and still get back to the table with a trump to draw the remaining trumps and claim his slam.